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#### **COMPLAINT AND DEMAND FOR JURY**

Plaintiffs Phoenix Indemnity & Bond Co. ("Phoenix"), Oak Park Investments, Inc. ("Oak Park"), and BCS Services, Inc. ("BCS") (collectively, "Plaintiffs"), by and through their attorneys. Sachnoff & Weaver, Ltd., complaining against defendants John Bridge, Barrett Rochman ("B. Rochman"), Sabre Group, LLC ("Sabre"), Jeffrey Bridge, Regal One, LLC ("Regal"). Robert Jensen ("Jensen"), Joseph Varan ("Varan"), Cronus Projects, LLC ("Cronus"), Jesse Rochman ("J. Rochman"), Christopher Rochman, Corinne Rochman, CCJ Investments, LLC ("CCJ"), Douglas Nash ("Nash"), DRN II, Inc. ("DRN II"), Francis Alexander ("Alexander"). Georgetown Investors, LLC ("Georgetown"), Jason Baumbach ("Baumbach"),

Optimum Financial. Inc. ("Optimum"), Gregory Ellis ("Ellis"), L.C.C. Venture, LLC ("L.C.C."), Jeshay, LLC ("Jeshay"), BRB Investments LLC ("BRB"), Mud Cats Real Estate LLC ("Mud Cats"), Carpus Investments ("Carpus"), and GJ Venture LLC, ("GJ") (collectively "Defendants"), allege as follows:

#### Nature of the Action

1 Three tax buyers—Phoenix, Oak Park and BCS—bring this action against individuals and corporate entities that conspired to violate and violated the Cook County Single Simultaneous Bidder Rule (the "Rule" or the "County Rule") in the 2002, 2003, 2004 and 2005 tax sales, thereby damaging the Plaintiffs, as well as other tax buyer participants in those auctions. John Bridge, B. Rochman, and Sabre (the "Sabre Defendants") directed and controlled secret agreements with CCJ, DRN II, Georgetown, Regal, Optimum, L.C.C., Jeshay, Cronus, BRB, Mud Cats. Carpus and GJ, and their respective principals, to do Sabre's bidding—literally. Through a series of fraudulent schemes and collusive bidding, the Defendants unlawfully obtained the opportunity to purchase a greater number of the liens available for bid at the auctions through the conspiracy, thus reducing the number of liens Plaintiffs were able to purchase and costing Plaintiffs the financial benefits flowing from those purchases. Phoenix, Oak Park and BCS seek to enjoin the Defendants and to recover damages Plaintiffs suffered as a result of these schemes under sections 1962(c) and 1962(d) of the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act ("RICO"), and tortious interference with prospective business advantage.

#### Jurisdiction and Venue

- This Court has jurisdiction over federal law claims under 28 U.S.C. § 1331 and 18
   U.S.C. § 1965(a). This Court has pendant jurisdiction over the state law claims of tortious interference with prospective business advantage arising out of these transactions.
- 3. Venue is proper in the Northern District of Illinois pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391 and 18 U.S.C. § 1965 because the Defendants reside in, are found in, have an agent in, and/or transact their affairs in, the Northern District of Illinois where a substantial part of the events complained of occurred.

#### <u>Parties</u>

- 4. Plaintiff Phoenix Bond & Indemnity Co. is an Illinois corporation. Its business includes buying tax liens and acquiring deeds to properties for which real estate taxes were unpaid, and it participated in the 2002, 2003, 2004 and 2005 Cook County tax sales.
- 5. Plaintiff Oak Park Investments, Inc. is an Illinois corporation. Its business includes buying tax liens and acquiring deeds to properties for which real estate taxes were unpaid, and it participated in the 2002, 2003, 2004 and 2005 Cook County tax sales.
- 6. Plaintiff BCS Services, Inc. is an Illinois corporation. Its business includes buying tax liens and acquiring deeds to properties for which real estate taxes were unpaid, and it participated in the 2002, 2003, 2004 and 2005 Cook County tax sales.
- Defendant John Bridge is an Illinois resident. He was a registered tax bidder of Sabre Group. LLC in the 2004 tax sale.
- 8. Defendant Barrett Rochman is an Illinois resident. B. Rochman is a principal of Sabre Group. LLC.

- 9. Defendant Sabre Group, LLC is an Illinois limited liability company. Its business includes buying tax liens and acquiring deeds to properties for which real estate taxes were unpaid, and it participated in the 2002, 2003 and 2004 Cook County tax sales. Its principal is Defendant Barrett Rochman.
- 10. Defendant Regal One, LLC is an Illinois limited liability corporation. Its business includes buying tax liens, and it participated in the 2002, 2003, 2004 and 2005 Cook County tax sales. Its principal is Defendant Jeffrey Bridge.
- 11. Defendant Jeffrey Bridge is an Illinois resident. Jeffrey Bridge is a principal of Regal One and was its registered tax bidder at the 2004 and 2005 tax sales. Jeffrey Bridge and John Bridge are brothers.
- 12. Defendant DRN II, Inc. is an Illinois limited liability company. Its business includes buying tax liens, and it participated in the 2002 and 2003 Cook County tax sale. Its principal is Defendant Douglas Nash.
- 13. Defendant Cronus Projects, LLC is an Illinois limited liability company. Its business includes buying tax liens, and it participated in the 2003, 2004 and 2005 Cook County tax sales. Its principals are Defendants Robert Jensen and Joseph Varan.
- 14. Defendant Robert Jensen is an Illinois resident. He is a principal of Cronus and was a registered bidder for Cronus in the 2004 and 2005 tax sales.
- 15. Defendant Joseph Varan is an Illinois resident. He is a principal of Cronus and was a registered bidder for Cronus at the 2004 tax sale.
- 16. Defendant CCJ Investments, LLC is an Illinois limited liability company. Its business includes buying tax liens, and it participated in the 2003 and 2004 Cook County tax

sales. Its principals are Defendants Christopher Rochman, Jesse Rochman and Corinne Rochman.

- 17. Defendant Georgetown Investors, LLC is an Illinois limited liability company. Its business includes buying tax liens, and it participated in the 2004 and 2005 Cook County tax sales. Its principal is Defendant Francis Alexander.
- 18. Defendant Francis Alexander is an Illinois resident. He is a principal of Georgetown.
- 19. Defendant Optimum Financial, Inc. is an Illinois corporation. Its business includes buying tax liens, and it participated in the 2004 Cook County tax sale. Its principal is Defendant Jason Baumbach.
- 20. Defendant L.C.C. Venture, LLC, is an Illinois limited liability company. Its business includes buying tax liens, and it participated in the 2004 Cook County tax sale. One of its principals is Defendant Gregory Ellis.
- 21. Defendant Jeshay, LLC is an Illinois limited liability company. Its business includes buying tax liens, and it participated in the 2004 Cook County tax sale. Its principal is Defendant Douglas Nash.
- 22. Defendant BRB Investments, LLC is an Illinois limited liability company. Its business includes buying tax liens, and it participated in the 2005 Cook County tax sale. Its principals are Defendants Jesse Rochman, Corinne Rochman and Christopher Rochman.
- 23. Defendant Jesse Rochman is an Illinois resident. He is a principal for BRB Investments. LLC and was a registered bidder for BRB at the 2005 tax sale. He was a principal for CCJ Investments and was a registered bidder for CCJ at the 2004 tax sale. On information and belief, Jesse Rochman is Barrett Rochman's son.

- 24. Defendant Christopher Rochman is an Illinois resident. He is a principal for BRB Investments. LLC. He was a principal for CCJ Investments and was one of its registered bidders at the 2004 auction. On information and belief, Christopher Rochman is Barrett Rochman's son.
- 25. Defendant Corinne Rochman (a/k/a Corie Rochman) is a Florida resident.

  Corinne Rochman is a principal for BRB Investments, LLC, and was a principal for CCJ

  Investments. On information and belief, Corinne Rochman is related to Barrett Rochman.
- 26. Defendant Mud Cats Real Estate, LLC is an Illinois limited liability company. Its business includes buying tax liens, and it participated in the 2005 Cook County tax sale. Its principal is Defendant Douglas Nash.
- 27. Defendant Douglas Nash is an Illinois resident. He is a principal of Mud Cats and was one of its registered bidders at the 2005 tax sale. He was a principal for DRN II. He was also a principal of Jeshay and was Jeshay's registered bidder at the 2004 tax sale.
- 28. Defendant Carpus Investments, LLC is an Illinois limited liability company. Its business includes buying tax liens, and it participated in the 2005 Cook County tax sale. Its principal is Defendant Jason Baumbach.
- 29. Defendant Jason Baumbach is an Illinois resident. He is a principal of Carpus and was its registered bidder at the 2005 tax sale. He was a principal for Optimum and was one of Optimum's registered bidders at the 2004 tax sale.
- 30. Defendant GJ Venture, LLC is an Illinois limited liability company. Its business includes buying tax liens, and it participated in the 2005 Cook County tax sale. Its principal is Defendant Gregory Ellis.

31. Defendant Gregory Ellis is an Illinois resident. He is currently a principal of GJ and L.C.C. He was GJ's registered bidder at the 2005 tax sale and was one of L.C.C.'s registered bidders at the 2004 tax sale.

#### Factual Background To All Counts

- 32. The annual Cook County tax sale is part of the Illinois property tax system run by the Cook County Treasurer's Office. If a property owner fails to pay his property taxes due in a given year, the Cook County Treasurer offers for sale to the public a tax lien on that property. The purchaser of the tax lien, the "Tax Buyer," pays the delinquent tax. The property owner may redeem that lien by paying the delinquent tax plus a determined penalty. Upon redemption, the Tax Buyer surrenders the lien and receives the tax amount plus the determined penalty. If the property owner does not redeem the lien within two to three years, the Tax Buyer may commence a judicial proceeding by filing a Petition for Tax Deed and obtain title to the property.
- 33. The annual tax sale process begins when the Cook Country Treasurer publishes a list of delinquent real estate parcels in area newspapers. The notice outlines when the Treasurer will apply to the Circuit Court for judgment to begin a tax sale on the property and also lists the time, date and location of the proposed sale. At the tax sale, the County auctions the rights to the tax liens on the delinquent properties in exchange for the County's receipt of the delinquent taxes. The Treasurer then applies to the Circuit Court for judgment to begin the sale. After ruling on any objections, the court orders the sale to commence on the date that the Treasurer previously published or within five business days of that date.
- 34. Tax Buyers attend the auction to purchase tax liens. Each lien represents a different parcel of real estate for which taxes are delinquent.

- 35. Tax Buyers must be registered and qualified to bid at the tax sale. Registration requires the submission of an application and sworn affidavit in compliance with rules established by the Cook County Treasurer. Registration requires the submission of an application and sworn affidavit in compliance with rules established by the Cook County Treasurer.
- 36. Bids are not made in cash amounts and taxes are not sold to the highest bidder. The bidding process is designed to ensure that taxpayers/owners will be able to redeem their taxes at the lowest possible penalty rate. When a taxpayer redeems his taxes from a tax buyer, he pays the amount of taxes paid by the tax buyer at the sale, plus penalty. At the annual tax sale, the tax buyers bid on the rate of penalty. The tax buyer who bids the lowest rate of penalty will win the bid. If more than one tax buyer bids at the same lowest rate, the auctioneer will allocate the liens on a rotational basis to ensure that there is a fair apportionment of liens among the lowest bidding tax buyers. The highest permissible penalty rate is 18% of the delinquent tax per penalty period. Since approximately 2000, the typical penalty rate has been 0%.
- 37. A few months after each annual tax sale, the County issues a Certificate of Purchase evidencing the tax lien sold on each parcel of real estate. The County issues Certificates of Purchase to and in the name of the Tax Buyer who made the successful bid. These documents are negotiable instruments that may be transferred.
- 38. Tax Buyer's profit by receiving the determined penalty or by obtaining title to property. In addition, once a Tax Buyer purchases a tax lien, the Tax Buyer can pay any real estate taxes that become due after the purchase, known as subsequent taxes. The penalty rate on subsequent taxes is set by statute, not by auction, at 12%. When a property owner redeems the tax lien, they must pay not only the original amount of the delinquent tax plus the determined

penalty, but must also pay the subsequent taxes plus the statutory penalty rate of 12%. Tax

Buyers profit by receiving this additional penalty amount from the payment of subsequent taxes.

- 39. Where the bid is 0%, the tax buyer has no possibility of making a profit from the penalty on the delinquent taxes underlying the lien. Profit may only be obtained by obtaining a deed or by paying subsequent taxes and receiving the statutory penalty amount of 12%. If the tax buyer can obtain the deed for the property, the deed can be sold at a significant profit over the amount paid for the lien.
- 40. As a matter of law, no more than four months and fifteen days after purchase of a lien, the tax buyer who owns the certificate of purchase must draft a notice pursuant to 35 ILCS 200/22-5 (the "22-5 notice"), alerting the last assessee that the lien has been sold for delinquent taxes. The tax buyer provides the 22-5 notice to the County for the County to mail to the last assessee. The tax buyer retains a file-stamped copy of the same. The certificate holder pays the County for the mailing. The 22-5 notice is a mandatory condition to obtain a tax deed. The failure to file the 22-5 notice renders the tax certificate incapable of foreclosure through a petition for tax deed, leaving the Tax Buyer with no ability to secure a redemption of the tax lien, to recover its money or to obtain a deed.
- 41. In addition, if the property remains unredeemed after two to three years from the date of purchase, a lien holder may file a petition for deed. These petitions must be filed five months before the end of the period of redemption. Pursuant to 35 ILCS 200/22-10, in the first sixty days of the five-month period, the lien holder is required to provide notice to property owners, occupants and other interested parties (the "22-10 notice"). Pursuant to 35 ILCS 200/22-15, the Cook County Sheriff serves the lien holders' 22-10 notice of the deed petition and the impending expiration of the period of redemption on property owners, occupants and other

interested parties in person. If any owners or interested parties cannot be served in person within Cook County, Illinois, the sheriff will serve them by certified mail. Certified mail will be used to send the 22-10 notices to all parties outside of Illinois. The lien holder cannot obtain a deed without proper service of the 22-10 notice.

- 42. Further, during the first sixty days of that five-month period before the period of redemption expires, the tax buyer prepares a notice pursuant to 35 ILCS 200/22-25 (the "22-25 notice") and delivers that notice with the requisite fee for mailing to the Circuit Court of Cook County with direction to mail it to the relevant property owners and occupants alerting them that the lien holder has filed a petition for tax deed and the date upon which the period of redemption will expire. The lien holder cannot obtain a deed without proper service of the 22-25 notice.
- 43. The 2002 annual tax sale was held from April 1, 2002 to April 26, 2002. At the 2002 annual tax sale liens were sold based on property owners' failure to pay real estate taxes in 2000.
- 44. The 2003 annual tax sale was held from March 10, 2003 to April 4, 2003. At the 2003 annual tax sale liens were sold based on property owners' failure to pay real estate taxes in 2001.
- 45. The 2004 annual tax sale was held from May 10, 2004 to June 7, 2004. At the 2004 annual tax sale liens were sold based on property owners' failure to pay real estate taxes in 2002. One hundred and twenty-four tax buying entities registered to participate in the sale.
- 46. The 2005 annual tax sale began on July 6, 2005 and is expected to conclude on July 27, 2005. At the 2005 annual tax sale liens were sold based on property owners' failure to pay real estate taxes in 2003. At least one hundred and ninety-five tax buyers registered to participate in the sale.

#### The Cook County Single Simultaneous Bidder Rule

- 47. In order to participate in the auction, tax buyers can register at the Treasurer's Office up to thirty days before the annual tax sale begins.
- 48. At the time of registration, the tax buyer, or its authorized agent, must affirm under penalty of perjury its adherence to Cook County's Single Simultaneous Bidder Rule. The Rule—established before the 2001 tax sale—prohibits related bidding entities from simultaneously participating in the sale.
- 49. The Rule defines "related bidding entity" as "any individual, corporation, partnership, joint venture, limited liability company, business organization, or other entity that has a shareholder, partner, principal, officer, general partner or other person or entity having an ownership interest in common with, or contractual relationship with, any other registrant" in the annual tax sale.
- 50. As part of the registration under the Rule, the tax buyer represents and warrants that it is not affiliated with any other entity registering to bid in that: (A) It has no capital, purchase money, or other finances in common with any other bidding entity or person registering to bid at the annual auction; (B) It shares no common ownership interest or common source of funds; (C) It has no agreements to purchase or sell any parcels successfully bid on by any other registering bidding entity or person at the same sale; (D) It has no agreements to purchase or sell any parcels at the annual sale by any entity or person known to be ineligible to bid at the annual sale; (E) It does not stand to benefit financially under an agreement with any other bidder at the sale concerning parcels to be bid on or purchased by another entity.
- 51. The Rule's purpose is to ensure that the same entity cannot increase its likelihood of obtaining a lien in the auction through two or more bidders. The Rule protects the

auctioneer's just allocation of bids on a rotational basis to guarantee a fair apportionment of liens among all tax buyers who bid the lowest rates.

#### Sabre's Scheme To Obtain Additional Liens Beyond Its Appropriate Portion

- 52. Determined to provide Sabre an unfair advantage, B. Rochman and John Bridge devised methods through violations of the Single Simultaneous Bidder Rule to acquire more liens than Sabre should have been able to obtain at the 2002, 2003, 2004 and 2005 auctions.
- 53. Through these methods, John Bridge, B. Rochman and Sabre organized an enterprise by having numerous entities created, including Regal, DRN II, Cronus, CCJ, Georgetown. Optimum, L.C.C., Jeshay, BRB, Mud Cats, Carpus, and GJ, and coordinated these entities' activities to acquire liens in the tax sales for Sabre's benefit. John Bridge, B. Rochman and Sabre accomplished this objective through the following means: directed the principals of the respective defendant entities to create the defendant entities and/or to register for the tax sale; directed all of the defendant entities to register to participate in the tax sale by filing false attestations that they conformed with the Single, Simultaneous Bidder Rule; directed each defendant entity to transfer the certificates of purchase to Sabre following the respective tax sales in which each participated.
- 54. In the years 2002, 2003 and 2004, B. Rochman and John Bridge submitted false attestations under penalty of perjury that they adhered to the Single, Simultaneous Bidder Rule. Further, Rochman and Bridge falsely attested that Sabre was not affiliated with any other entity registering to bid in that: (A) It had no capital, purchase money, or other finances in common; (B) It shared no common ownership interest or common source of funds; (C) It had no agreements to purchase or sell any parcels successfully bid on by any other registering bidding entity or person at the same sale; (D) It had no agreements to purchase or sell any parcels at the

annual sale by any entity or person known to be ineligible to bid at the annual sale; (E) It did not stand to benefit financially under an agreement with any other bidder at the sale concerning parcels to be bid on or purchased by another entity. (See e.g., Ex. A.)

- 55. To the contrary, beginning in 2002, B. Rochman, John Bridge and Sabre had set in motion—through a series of secret agreements with various entities and individuals—their scheme to defraud the County and the other tax buyers through violation of the County Rule. Pursuant to those agreements, John Bridge, B. Rochman and Sabre directed the defendant entities and individuals to purchase liens for Sabre's benefit. This scheme would grow throughout the course of the next few years, ensnaring both new and pre-existing entities into the scheme to bid for Sabre's benefit.
- 56. Through the course of the scheme, the Defendants' improper acquisition of liens through violation of the County Rule deprived the other tax buyers, including Plaintiffs, of the opportunity to acquire tax liens and obtain deeds on the distinct parcels of real estate, thus depriving them of the opportunity to profit from the payment of penalties on subsequent taxes and the sale of parcels for which a deed was acquired.

#### The 2002 Tax Sale Auction

- 57. B. Rochman, John Bridge and Sabre first tested the County's prosecution of the Rule at the 2002 tax sale auction. One method that B. Rochman, John Bridge, and Sabre devised to implement the scheme to obtain excessive liens for Sabre that year was to have other entities represent that they were acting on their own when in reality they were bidding secretly on Sabre's behalf in the 2002 auction.
- 58. In preparation for the 2002 auction, B. Rochman, John Bridge and Sabre created, or had created, an entity—Regal—to secretly bid on Sabre's behalf.

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59. At the direction of John Bridge, B. Rochman, and Sabre, Jeffrey Bridge had Regal incorporated on February 26, 2002, a little over a month before the 2002 auction. On or between March 1, 2002 and April 26, 2002, at the direction of John Bridge, B. Rochman, and Sabre, and in furtherance of its role in the conspiracy, Jeffrey Bridge had Regal submit a false registration to the Cook County Treasurer's Office stating that it adhered to the Single, Simultaneous Bidder Rule. On or between April 1, 2002 and April 26, 2002—at the direction of John Bridge, B. Rochman and Sabre-Jeffrey Bridge had Regal purchase liens at the 2002 auction for Sabre's benefit. On information and belief, all or virtually all of the tax liens acquired by Regal at the 2002 sale were acquired at a penalty rate of 0%. In addition, on information and belief, Regal, at the direction of Jeffrey Bridge, John Bridge, B. Rochman and Sabre, transferred all the tax liens it acquired to Sabre on May 15, 2002, less than one month after the County issued Certificates of Purchase evidencing the liens to Regal. On information and belief, Regal had not paid any subsequent taxes on any of the items it had purchased. As a result, Regal could derive no income from any penalty on the underlying tax liens (because the rate was 0%), from any deed to property (because the lien was transferred long before a deed could be obtained) or from the statutory 12% penalty on the payment of subsequent taxes (because, on information and belief, subsequent taxes were not or could not be paid before the transfer to Sabre). Regal could have no financial motive to bid at the sale, obtain tax liens and transfer them in the manner that it did to Sabre unless there was some illicit arrangement between defendants. This belief is based on Plaintiffs' review of a substantial portion of County records related to the redemption of liens Regal purchased in 2002, as well as a review of County records related to a sample of liens for which petitions for deed existed. Plaintiffs do not have access to such information or assignment

documents for liens that had not been either redeemed or the subject of a filed petition for deed, which documents are in the sole possession of the Defendants.

- 60. B. Rochman, John Bridge, and Sabre also had Nash register his entity—DRN II—for the 2002 tax sale with the purpose of bidding for Sabre's benefit.
- 61. On or between March 1, 2002 and April 26, 2002, at the direction of John Bridge, B. Rochman, and Sabre, and in furtherance of its role in the conspiracy, Nash had DRN II submit a false registration to the Cook County Treasurer's Office stating that it adhered to the Single, Simultaneous Bidder Rule. On or between April 1, 2002 and April 26, 2002—at the direction of John Bridge, B. Rochman and Sabre—Nash had DRN II purchase liens at the 2002 auction for Sabre's benefit. On information and belief, all or virtually all of the tax liens acquired by DRN II at the 2002 sale were acquired at a penalty rate of 0%. In addition, on information and belief, DRN II, at the direction of Nash, John Bridge, B. Rochman and Sabre, transferred all the tax liens it acquired to Sabre on May 15, 2002, less than one month after the County issued Certificates of Purchase evidencing the liens to DRN II. On information and belief, DRN II had not paid any subsequent taxes on any of the items it had purchased. As a result, DRN II could derive no income from any penalty on the underlying tax liens (because the rate was 0%), from any deed to property (because the lien was transferred long before a deed could be obtained) or from the statutory 12% penalty on the payment of subsequent taxes (because, on information and belief, subsequent taxes were not or could not be paid before the transfer to Sabre). DRN II could have no financial motive to bid at the sale, obtain tax liens and transfer them in the manner that it did to Sabre unless there was some illicit arrangement between defendants. This belief is based on Plaintiffs' review of a substantial portion of County records related to the redemption of liens DRN II purchased in 2002, as well as a review of County records related to a sample of

liens for which petitions for deed existed. Plaintiffs do not have access to such information or assignment documents for liens that had not been either redeemed or the subject of a filed petition for deed, which documents are in the sole possession of the Defendants.

- 62. John Bridge and B. Rochman also directed Sabre to purchase liens at the 2002 auction.
- 63. By filing a false registration form that failed to disclose the agreements among these entities to bid for the benefit of Sabre, each bid that Sabre, Regal and DRN II made at the 2002 tax auction was a step implementing the fraud on the Cook County Treasurer's Office, with the intended victims being all the other tax buyers that were not participating in the conspiracy—including Phoenix, Oak Park and BCS.
- 64. Absent the respective frauds and collusive bidding schemes that John Bridge, B. Rochman and Sabre operated and/or managed, Phoenix, Oak Park and BCS would have had an opportunity to obtain a much larger number of liens at the 2002 auction and would have enjoyed the financial benefits flowing from those purchases.
- 65. John Bridge, B. Rochman and Sabre were successful in their scheme to defraud the County and the other tax buyers, including Plaintiffs, at the 2002 auction.

#### The 2003 Tax Sale Auction

- 66. Having successfully implemented the scheme in 2002, John Bridge, B. Rochman and Sabre grew the conspiracy in 2003.
- 67. First, John Bridge and B. Rochman directed Sabre to purchase liens in its own name during the 2003 auction.

- 68. Then, John Bridge, B. Rochman and Sabre directed Jeffrey Bridge and Nash to have Regal and DRN II, respectively, bid for Sabre's benefit again at the 2003 sale, as they had at the 2002 auction.
- 69. On or between February 10, 2003 and April 4, 2003, at the direction of John Bridge, B. Rochman, and Sabre, and in furtherance of its role in the conspiracy, Jeffrey Bridge had Regal submit a false registration to the Cook County Treasurer's Office stating that it adhered to the Single, Simultaneous Bidder Rule. On or between March 10, 2003 and April 4, 2003—at the direction of John Bridge, B. Rochman and Sabre—Jeffrey Bridge had Regal purchase liens at the 2003 auction for Sabre's benefit. On information and belief, all or virtually all of the tax liens acquired by Regal at the 2003 sale were acquired at a penalty rate of 0%. In addition, on information and belief, Regal, at the direction of Jeffrey Bridge, John Bridge, B. Rochman and Sabre, transferred all the tax liens it acquired to Sabre on May 15, 2003, less than two months after the County issued Certificates of Purchase evidencing the liens to Regal. On information and belief, Regal had not paid any subsequent taxes on any of the items it had purchased. As a result, Regal could derive no income from any penalty on the underlying tax liens (because the rate was 0%), from any deed to property (because the lien was transferred long before a deed could be obtained) or from the statutory 12% penalty on the payment of subsequent taxes (because, on information and belief, subsequent taxes were not or could not be paid before the transfer to Sabre). Regal could have no financial motive to bid at the sale, obtain tax liens and transfer them in the manner that it did to Sabre unless there was some illicit arrangement between defendants. This belief is based on Plaintiffs' review of a substantial portion of County records related to the redemption of liens Regal purchased in 2003, as well as a review of County records related to a sample of liens for which petitions for deed existed.

Plaintiffs do not have access to such information or assignment documents for liens that had not been either redeemed or the subject of a filed petition for deed, which documents are in the sole possession of the Defendants.

70. On or between February 10, 2003 and April 4, 2003, at the direction of John Bridge, B. Rochman, and Sabre, and in furtherance of its role in the conspiracy, Nash had DRN II submit a false registration to the Cook County Treasurer's Office stating that it adhered to the Single. Simultaneous Bidder Rule. On or between March 10, 2003 and April 4, 2003—at the direction of John Bridge, B. Rochman and Sabre-Nash had DRN II purchase liens at the 2003 auction for Sabre's benefit. On information and belief, all or virtually all of the tax liens acquired by DRN II at the 2003 sale were acquired at a penalty rate of 0%. In addition, on information and belief, DRN II, at the direction of Nash, John Bridge, B. Rochman and Sabre, transferred all the tax liens it acquired to Sabre on May 15, 2003, less than two months after the County issued Certificates of Purchase evidencing the liens to DRN II. On information and belief, DRN II had not paid any subsequent taxes on any of the items it had purchased. As a result, DRN II could derive no income from any penalty on the underlying tax liens (because the rate was 0%), from any deed to property (because the lien was transferred long before a deed could be obtained) or from the statutory 12% penalty on the payment of subsequent taxes (because, on information and belief, subsequent taxes were not or could not be paid before the transfer to Sabre). DRN II could have no financial motive to bid at the sale, obtain tax liens and transfer them in the manner that it did to Sabre unless there was some illicit arrangement between defendants. This belief is based on Plaintiffs' review of a substantial portion of County records related to the redemption of liens DRN II purchased in 2003, as well as a review of County records related to a sample of liens for which petitions for deed existed. Plaintiffs do not

have access to such information or assignment documents for liens that had not been either redeemed or the subject of a filed petition for deed, which documents are in the sole possession of the Defendants.

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- 71. Finally, in addition to maintaining their secret agreements with the previous participants bidding on Sabre's behalf again at the 2003 sale, John Bridge, B. Rochman and Sabre were able to add new bidders—such as Cronus—for Sabre's benefit and created a new entity—CCJ—to bid for Sabre's benefit at the 2003 sale.
- 72. John Bridge, B. Rochman, and Sabre directed a previously existing entity-Cronus—to bid on Sabre's behalf at the 2003 auction. On or between February 10, 2003 and April 4, 2003—at the direction of John Bridge, B. Rochman and Sabre—Jensen and Varan had Cronus submit a false registration to the Cook County Treasurer's Office stating that it adhered to the Single. Simultaneous Bidder Rule. On or between March 10, 2003 and April 4, 2003—at the direction of John Bridge, B. Rochman and Sabre-Jensen and Varan had Cronus purchase liens at the 2003 tax auction for Sabre's benefit. On information and belief, all or virtually all of the tax liens acquired by Cronus at the 2003 sale were acquired at a penalty rate of 0%. In addition, on information and belief, Cronus, at the direction of Jensen, Varan, John Bridge, B. Rochman and Sabre, transferred all the tax liens it acquired to Sabre on May 15, 2003, less than two months after the County issued Certificates of Purchase evidencing the liens to Cronus. On information and belief. Cronus had not paid any subsequent taxes on any of the items it had purchased. As a result, Cronus could derive no income from any penalty on the underlying tax liens (because the rate was 0%), from any deed to property (because the lien was transferred long before a deed could be obtained) or from the statutory 12% penalty on the payment of subsequent taxes (because, on information and belief, subsequent taxes were not or could not be

paid before the transfer to Sabre). Cronus could have no financial motive to bid at the sale, obtain tax liens and transfer them in the manner that it did to Sabre unless there was some illicit arrangement between defendants. This belief is based on Plaintiffs' review of a substantial portion of County records related to the redemption of liens Cronus purchased in 2003, as well as a review of County records related to a sample of liens for which petitions for deed existed. Plaintiffs do not have access to such information or assignment documents for liens that had not been either redeemed or the subject of a filed petition for deed, which documents are in the sole possession of the Defendants.

73. At the direction of John Bridge, B. Rochman and Sabre-J. Rochman, Christopher Rochman and Corinne Rochman had CCJ incorporated on February 10, 2003, a month before the 2003 auction. On or between February 10, 2003 and April 4, 2003, at the direction of John Bridge, B. Rochman, and Sabre, and in furtherance of its role in the conspiracy, J. Rochman, Christopher Rochman and Corinne Rochman had CCJ submit a false registration to the Cook County Treasurer's Office stating that it adhered to the Single, Simultaneous Bidder Rule. On or between March 10, 2003 and April 4, 2003—at the direction of John Bridge, B. Rochman and Sabre—J. Rochman, Christopher Rochman and Corinne Rochman had CCJ purchase liens at the 2003 auction for Sabre's benefit. On information and belief, all or virtually all of the tax liens acquired by CCJ at the 2003 sale were acquired at a penalty rate of 0%. In addition, on information and belief, CCJ, at the direction of J. Rochman, Christopher Rochman, Corinne Rochman, John Bridge, B. Rochman and Sabre, transferred all the tax liens it acquired to Sabre on May 15, 2003, less than two months after the County issued Certificates of Purchase evidencing the liens to CCJ. On information and belief, CCJ had not paid any subsequent taxes on any of the items it had purchased. As a result, CCJ could derive no income from any penalty

on the underlying tax liens (because the rate was 0%), from any deed to property (because the lien was transferred long before a deed could be obtained) or from the statutory 12% penalty on the payment of subsequent taxes (because, on information and belief, subsequent taxes were not or could not be paid before the transfer to Sabre). CCJ could have no financial motive to bid at the sale, obtain tax liens and transfer them in the manner that it did to Sabre unless there was some illicit arrangement between defendants. This belief is based on Plaintiffs' review of a substantial portion of County records related to the redemption of liens CCJ purchased in 2003, as well as a review of County records related to a sample of liens for which petitions for deed existed. Plaintiffs do not have access to such information or assignment documents for liens that had not been either redeemed or the subject of a filed petition for deed, which documents are in the sole possession of the Defendants.

- 74. By filing false registration forms that failed to disclose the agreements among these entities to bid for the benefit of Sabre, each bid that Sabre, Regal, DRN II, Cronus, and CCJ made at the 2003 tax auction was a step implementing the fraud on the Cook County Treasurer's Office, with the intended victims being all the other tax buyers that were not participating in the conspiracy—including Phoenix, Oak Park and BCS.
- 75. Absent the respective frauds and collusive bidding schemes that John Bridge, B. Rochman and Sabre operated and/or managed, Phoenix, Oak Park and BCS would have had an opportunity to obtain a much larger number of liens at the 2003 auction and would have enjoyed the financial benefits flowing from those purchases.
- 76. John Bridge, B. Rochman and Sabre successfully kept their scheme to defraud the County and the other tax buyers through violations of the Rule at the 2002 and 2003 auctions a secret. As time passed from the dates of sale for each lien wrongfully acquired and Sabre's

ownership of liens grew through the assignments that Regal, DRN II, Cronus, and CCJ provided it, profits continued to roll into the coffers of John Bridge, B. Rochman and Sabre. They reaped the profits from the additional liens they were able to acquire by having multiple bidders for Sabre's benefit in violation of the Rule. They collected the penalty accrued on properties that were redeemed and received deeds for properties that were not redeemed.

#### The 2004 Tax Sale

- 77. Nonetheless, John Bridge, B. Rochman and Sabre wanted even more opportunities to gain excessive bids at the 2004 auction. They furthered their scheme to defraud in preparation for the 2004 tax sale through the same methods that were successful for them in the 2002 and 2003 sales.
- On information and belief, John Bridge, B. Rochman and Sabre maintained their secret agreements with the entities that had bid for Sabre's benefit in 2002 and 2003, to continue the practice at the 2004 sale. These entities, Regal, CCJ, Cronus and Jeshay (Nash's replacement for DRN II)—agreed to bid on liens that B. Rochman, John Bridge and Sabre chose before the auction. Pursuant to the secret agreements, these entities assigned all of their liens to Sabre after the auction. Sabre was thereby able to exercise more bids and obtain more liens through this scheme than was appropriate, thus injuring those tax buyers—including Phoenix, Oak Park and BCS—that complied with the County's Rule.
- 79. The relationships among John Bridge, B. Rochman and Sabre and the other entities allowed John Bridge, B. Rochman and Sabre to effectively and efficiently direct and control all the entities' implementation of the scheme to obtain more liens for Sabre through the secret agreement. For instance, CCJ Investments lists its address in state records at B. Rochman's address—1345 East Park Street in Carbondale, Illinois. In addition, CCJ had Kelly

- Sabre and in furtherance of its role in the conspiracy, Jeffrey Bridge had Regal submit a false registration to the Cook County Treasurer's Office stating that it adhered to the Single, Simultaneous Bidder Rule. On or between May 10, 2004 and June 7, 2004—at the direction of John Bridge, B. Rochman and Sabre—Jeffrey Bridge had Regal purchase 335 liens at the 2004 tax auction for Sabre's benefit, each of which was acquired at a penalty rate of 0%. On information and belief, Regal, at the direction of Jeffrey Bridge, John Bridge, B. Rochman and Sabre transferred all of the liens it purchased at the 2004 auction to Sabre. This belief is based on Plaintiffs' review of a substantial portion of County records related to the redemption of liens Regal purchased in 2004, which indicated that the liens redeemed had been previously assigned to Sabre. Plaintiffs do not have access to such information or assignment documents for liens that had not been either redeemed or the subject of a filed petition for deed, which documents are in the sole possession of the Defendants.
- Implementing its continuing role in the conspiracy, on or around April 26, 2004, J. Rochman, Christopher Rochman and Corinne Rochman had CCJ submit a false registration to the Cook County Treasurer's Office stating that it adhered to the County Rule. On or between May 10, 2004 and June 7, 2004—at the direction of John Bridge, B. Rochman and Sabre—J. Rochman, Christopher Rochman and Corinne Rochman had CCJ purchase 352 liens at the auction, each of which was acquired at a penalty rate of 0%. On information and belief, CCJ transferred all of the liens it purchased at the 2004 auction to Sabre. This belief is based on Plaintiffs' review of a substantial portion of County records related to the redemption of liens

CCJ purchased in 2004, which indicated that the liens redeemed had been previously assigned to Sabre. Plaintiffs do not have access to such information or assignment documents for liens that had not been either redeemed or the subject of a filed petition for deed, which documents are in the sole possession of the Defendants.

- Series 30, 2004—at the direction of John Bridge, B. Rochman and Sabre—Jensen and Varan had Cronus submit a false registration to the Cook County Treasurer's Office stating that it adhered to the Single, Simultaneous Bidder Rule. On or between May 10, 2004 and June 7, 2004—at the direction of John Bridge, B. Rochman and Sabre—Jensen and Varan had Cronus purchase 276 liens at the 2004 tax auction, each of which was acquired at a penalty rate of 0%. On information and belief, Cronus, at the direction of Jensen, Varan, John Bridge, B. Rochman and Sabre, transferred all of the liens it purchased at the 2004 auction to Sabre. This belief is based on Plaintiffs' review of a substantial portion of County records related to the redemption of liens Cronus purchased in 2004, which indicated that the liens redeemed had been previously assigned to Sabre. Plaintiffs do not have access to such information or assignment documents for liens that had not been either redeemed or the subject of a filed petition for deed, which documents are in the sole possession of the Defendants.
- 83. Nash incorporated Jeshay on March 11, 2004, just three months before the 2004 auction, as the replacement for the prior entity, DRN II. On April 22, 2004, at the direction of John Bridge, B. Rochman and Sabre and in furtherance of its role in the conspiracy, Nash had Jeshay submit a false registration to the Cook County Treasurer's Office stating that it adhered to the Single, Simultaneous Bidder Rule. On or between May 10, 2004 and June 7, 2004—at the direction of John Bridge, B. Rochman and Sabre—Nash had Jeshay purchase 264 liens at the 2004 tax auction for Sabre's benefit, each of which was acquired at a penalty rate of 0%. On

information and belief. Jeshay, at the direction of Nash, John Bridge, B. Rochman and Sabre transferred all of the liens it purchased at the 2004 auction to Sabre. This belief is based on Plaintiffs' review of a substantial portion of County records related to the redemption of liens Jeshay purchased in 2004, which indicated that the liens redeemed had been previously assigned to Sabre. Plaintiffs do not have access to such information or assignment documents for liens that had not been either redeemed or the subject of a filed petition for deed, which documents are in the sole possession of the Defendants.

- 84. Similarly, John Bridge, B. Rochman and Sabre were able to expand the conspiracy further by adding another pre-existing entity Georgetown to the conspiracy and by having Georgetown violate the County Rule by participating in the scheme to bid and purchase liens for Sabre's benefit at the 2004 tax sales.
- 85. On April 28, 2004, at the direction of John Bridge, B. Rochman and Sabre and in furtherance of its role in the conspiracy, Alexander had Georgetown submit a false registration to the Cook County Treasurer's Office stating that it adhered to the Single, Simultaneous Bidder Rule. Notably, Georgetown's 2004 tax sale registration originally listed the tax buying entity's name as "Sabre Group." The attestation accompanying Georgetown's registration (attached as Ex. C) shows that there was a line drawn through the Sabre Group name and the name "Georgetown" was written in instead.
- 86. On or between May 10, 2004 and June 7, 2004—at the direction of John Bridge, B. Rochman and Sabre—Alexander had Georgetown purchase 281 liens at the 2004 tax auction, each of which was acquired at a penalty rate of 0%. On information and belief, Georgetown, at the direction of Alexander, John Bridge, B. Rochman and Sabre transferred all of the liens it purchased at the 2004 auction to Sabre. This belief is based on Plaintiffs' review of a substantial

portion of County records related to the redemption of liens Georgetown purchased in 2004, which indicated that the liens redeemed had been previously assigned to Sabre. Plaintiffs do not have access to such information or assignment documents for liens that had not been either redeemed or the subject of a filed petition for deed, which documents are in the sole possession of the Defendants.

- 87. In addition to conspiring with existing entities, John Bridge, B. Rochman and Sabre created, or agreed to have created, new tax buying entities for which the primary purpose was to bid for Sabre's benefit at the 2004 sale. In preparation for the 2004 auction and in the three months just prior to that auction, John Bridge, B. Rochman and Sabre added two newly formed entities to the scheme—namely, Optimum and L.C.C.
- Optimum incorporated on March 1, 2004, just three months before the 2004 auction. On or about April 19, 2004, at the direction of John Bridge, B. Rochman, and Sabre, and in furtherance of its role in the conspiracy, Baumbach had Optimum submit a false registration to the Cook County Treasurer's Office stating that it adhered to the Single, Simultaneous Bidder Rule. On or between May 10, 2004 and June 7, 2004—at the direction of John Bridge, B. Rochman and Sabre—Baumbach had Optimum purchase 182 liens at the 2004 tax auction for Sabre's benefit, each of which was acquired at a penalty rate of 0%. On information and belief, Optimum, at the direction of Baumbach, John Bridge, B. Rochman and Sabre transferred all of the liens it purchased at the 2004 auction to Sabre. This belief is based on Plaintiffs' review of a substantial portion of County records related to the redemption of liens Optimum purchased in 2004, which indicated that the liens redeemed had been previously assigned to Sabre. Plaintiffs do not have access to such information or assignment documents for liens that had not been either redeemed

or the subject of a filed petition for deed, which documents are in the sole possession of the Defendants.

- At the direction of John Bridge, B. Rochman and Sabre—Ellis had L.C.C. incorporated on May 4, 2004, almost one month before the 2004 auction. On April 30, 2004, at the direction of John Bridge, B. Rochman and Sabre and in furtherance of its role in the conspiracy, Ellis had L.C.C. submit a false registration to the Cook County Treasurer's Office stating that it adhered to the Single, Simultaneous Bidder Rule. On or between May 10, 2004 and June 7, 2004—at the direction of John Bridge, B. Rochman and Sabre—Ellis had L.C.C. purchase 291 liens at the 2004 tax auction for Sabre's benefit, each of which was acquired at a penalty rate of 0%. On information and belief, L.C.C., at the direction of Ellis, John Bridge, B. Rochman and Sabre transferred all of the liens it purchased at the 2004 auction to Sabre. This belief is based on Plaintiffs' review of a substantial portion of County records related to the redemption of liens L.C.C. purchased in 2004, which indicated that the liens redeemed had been previously assigned to Sabre. Plaintiffs do not have access to such information or assignment documents for liens that had not been either redeemed or the subject of a filed petition for deed, which documents are in the sole possession of the Defendants.
- 90. By filing false registration forms that failed to disclose the agreements among these entities to bid for the benefit of Sabre, each bid that Sabre, CCJ, Georgetown, Optimum, Regal, L.C.C., Jeshay, and Cronus made at the 2004 tax auction was a step in implementing the fraud on the Cook County Treasurer's Office, with the intended victims being all the other tax buyers that were not participating in the conspiracy—including Phoenix, Oak Park and BCS.
- 91. On or between May 10, 2004, and June 7, 2004, as a result of their fraudulent conduct, Sabre, CCJ, Georgetown, Optimum, Regal, L.C.C., Jeshay, and Cronus collectively

purchased 2280 liens sold at the 2004 auction, at a total value of over \$6.6 million, well in excess of the 481 liens at a total value of \$2.2 million that Sabre was able to purchase in its own name.

92. Absent the respective frauds and collusive bidding schemes that John Bridge, B. Rochman and Sabre operated and/or managed, Phoenix, Oak Park and BCS would have had an opportunity to obtain a much larger number of liens and would have enjoyed the financial benefits flowing from those purchases.

#### The 2005 Tax Sale

- 93. Regal, Cronus and Georgetown are bidding on Sabre's behalf in the 2005 auction. Additionally, new tax buying entities were created for the primary purpose of bidding for Sabre's benefit at the 2005 sale. The new entities were incorporated within days of each other, within one month prior to the 2005 auction, and share principals with entities that bid for Sabre's benefit in previous auctions.
- John Bridge, B. Rochman and Sabre directed the principals of four conspirators—L.C.C., Optimum, CCJ and Jeshay—to have incorporated four new companies—BRB, Mud Cats, Carpus and GJ—in preparation for the 2005 auction. Pursuant to the scheme, the new entities were to participate in the 2005 auction in place of L.C.C, Optimum, CCJ and Jeshay. At the direction of John Bridge, B. Rochman and Sabre—J. Rochman, Christopher Rochman and Corinne Rochman had BRB incorporated on June 7, 2005. At the direction of John Bridge, B. Rochman and Sabre—Nash had Mud Cats incorporated on June 10, 2005. At the direction of John Bridge, B. Rochman and Sabre—Ellis had GJ incorporated on June 15, 2005. At the direction of John Bridge, B. Rochman and Sabre—Baumbach had Carpus incorporated on June 16, 2005. These four new entities in the 2005 auction share—through their principals—the same ties that their predecessors shared with Sabre. The principals are up to their old ways, simply

donning new entity identities with which to cloak their participation in the scheme to defraud the County and the tax buyers. These new entities and their principals—in conspiracy with John Bridge, B. Rochman, Sabre, CCJ, Francis Alexander, Georgetown, Optimum, Jeffrey Bridge, Regal, L.C.C., Jeshay, Jensen, Varan, and Cronus—are continuing the scheme to defraud the County and the other tax buyers in the 2005 auction, at the direction of John Bridge, B. Rochman and Sabre.

#### RICO Predicate Acts

- During the auctions held in 2002, 2003 and 2004, Sabre purchased hundreds of liens. Sabre, John Bridge and B. Rochman prepared and caused to be prepared 22-5 notices of the lien sale and caused Cook County to mail those notices to the last tax assesses in order to ensure that Sabre could enforce the liens. On information and belief, these include liens on properties in which interested parties are located out of state. Sabre, John Bridge and B. Rochman also prepared and caused to be prepared 22-10 and 22-25 notices for the liens that were available to convert into deeds. Sabre, John Bridge and B. Rochman caused Cook County to mail these notices to enable them to convert the liens into deeds for Sabre. These mailings of the 22-5, 22-10, and 22-25 notices were integral to the scheme to profit by obtaining additional liens in violation of the County Rule. This conduct violated 18 U.S.C. § 1341. Exhibit D identifies a small sample of these mailings related to the liens that Sabre purchased during the auctions held in 2002, 2003 and 2004.
- 96. During the auctions held in 2002, 2003 and 2004, Regal purchased hundreds of liens for Sabre's benefit in violation of the County Rule. On information and belief, these included liens on properties in which interested parties are located out of state. Regal, Sabre, Jeffrey Bridge, John Bridge and B. Rochman prepared and caused to be prepared 22-5 notices of

the lien sale and caused Cook County to mail those notices to the last tax assessees in order to ensure that Sabre could enforce the liens. Regal, Sabre, Jeffrey Bridge, John Bridge and B. Rochman also prepared and caused to be prepared 22-10 and 22-25 notices for the liens that were available to convert into deeds. Regal, Sabre, Jeffrey Bridge, John Bridge and B. Rochman caused Cook County to mail these notices to enable them to convert the liens into deeds for Sabre. These mailings of the 22-5, 22-10 and 22-25 notices were integral to the scheme to profit by obtaining additional liens in violation of the County Rule. This conduct violated 18 U.S.C. § 1341. Exhibit E identifies a small sample of these mailings related to the liens that Regal purchased during the auctions held in 2002, 2003 and 2004.

97. During the auctions held in 2002 and 2003, DRN II purchased hundreds of liens for Sabre's benefit in violation of the County Rule. On information and belief, these included liens on properties in which interested parties are located out of state. DRN II, Sabre, Nash, John Bridge and B. Rochman prepared and caused to be prepared 22-5 notices of the lien sale and caused Cook County to mail those notices to the last tax assessees in order to ensure that Sabre could enforce the liens. DRN II, Sabre, Nash, John Bridge and B. Rochman also prepared and caused to be prepared 22-10 and 22-25 notices for the liens that were available to convert into deeds. DRN II, Sabre, Nash, John Bridge and B. Rochman caused Cook County to mail the 22-10 and 22-25 notices to enable them to convert the liens into deeds for Sabre. These mailings of the 22-5, 22-10 and 22-25 notices were integral to the scheme to profit by obtaining additional liens in violation of the County Rule. This conduct violated 18 U.S.C. § 1341. Exhibit F identifies a small sample of these mailings related to the liens that Cronus purchased during the auctions held in 2003 and 2004.

- 98. During the auctions held in 2003 and 2004, Cronus purchased hundreds of liens for Sabre's benefit in violation of the County Rule. On information and belief, these included liens on properties in which interested parties are located out of state. Cronus, Sabre, Robert Jensen, Joseph Varan, John Bridge and B. Rochman prepared and caused to be prepared 22-5 notices of the lien sale and caused Cook County to mail those notices to the last tax assessees in order to ensure that Sabre could enforce the liens. Cronus, Sabre, Robert Jensen, Joseph Varan, John Bridge and B. Rochman also prepared and caused to be prepared 22-10 and 22-25 notices for the liens that were available to convert into deeds. Cronus, Sabre, Robert Jensen, Joseph Varan, John Bridge and B. Rochman caused Cook County to mail the 22-10 and 22-25 notices to enable them to convert the liens into deeds for Sabre. These mailings of the 22-5, 22-10 and 22-25 notices were integral to the scheme to profit by obtaining additional liens in violation of the County Rule. This conduct violated 18 U.S.C. § 1341. Exhibit G identifies a small sample of these mailings related to the liens that Cronus purchased during the auctions held in 2003 and 2004.
- 99. During the auctions held in 2003 and 2004, CCJ purchased hundreds of liens for Sabre's benefit in violation of the County Rule. On information and belief, these included liens on properties in which interested parties are located out of state. CCJ, Sabre, Christopher Rochman, J. Rochman, Corinne Rochman, John Bridge and B. Rochman prepared and caused to be prepared 22-5 notices of the lien sale and caused Cook County to mail those notices to the last tax assessees in order to ensure that Sabre could enforce the liens. CCJ, Sabre, Christopher Rochman, J. Rochman, Corinne Rochman, John Bridge and B. Rochman also prepared and caused to be prepared 22-10 and 22-25 notices for the liens that were available to convert into deeds. CCJ, Sabre, Christopher Rochman, J. Rochman, Corinne Rochman, John Bridge and B.

Rochman caused Cook County to mail the 22-10 and 22-25 notices to enable them to convert the liens into deeds for Sabre. These mailings of the 22-5, 22-10 and 22-25 notices were integral to the scheme to profit by obtaining additional liens in violation of the County Rule. This conduct violated 18 U.S.C. § 1341. Exhibit H identifies a small sample of these mailings related to the liens that CCJ purchased during the auctions held in 2003 and 2004.

- Sabre's benefit in violation of the County Rule. On information and belief, these included liens on properties in which interested parties are located out of state. Georgetown, Sabre, Francis Alexander, John Bridge and B. Rochman prepared and caused to be prepared 22-5 notices of the lien sale and caused Cook County to mail those notices to the last tax assessees in order to ensure that Sabre could enforce the liens. 22-10 and 22-25 notices will also have to be mailed to convert unredeemed liens into deeds. These mailings of the 22-5 notices were integral to the scheme to profit by obtaining additional liens in violation of the County Rule. This conduct violated 18 U.S.C. § 1341. Exhibit I identifies a small sample of these mailings related to the liens that Georgetown purchased during the auction held in 2004.
- benefit in violation of the County Rule. On information and belief, these included liens on properties in which interested parties are located out of state. Optimum, Sabre, Jason Baumbach, John Bridge and B. Rochman prepared and caused to be prepared 22-5 notices of the lien sale and caused Cook County to mail those notices to the last tax assessees in order to ensure that Sabre could enforce the liens. 22-10 and 22-25 notices will also have to be mailed to convert unredeemed liens into deeds. These mailings of the 22-5 notices were integral to the scheme to profit by obtaining additional liens in violation of the County Rule. This conduct violated 18

U.S.C. § 1341. Exhibit J identifies a small sample of these mailings related to the liens that Optimum purchased during the auction held in 2004.

- benefit in violation of the County Rule. On information and belief, these included liens on properties in which interested parties are located out of state. L.C.C., Sabre, Gregory Ellis, John Bridge and B. Rochman prepared and caused to be prepared 22-5 notices of the lien sale and caused Cook County to mail those notices to the last tax assessees in order to ensure that Sabre could enforce the liens. 22-10 and 22-25 notices will also have to be mailed to convert unredeemed liens into deeds. These mailings of the 22-5 notices were integral to the scheme to profit by obtaining additional liens in violation of the County Rule. This conduct violated 18 U.S.C. § 1341. Exhibit K identifies a small sample of these mailings related to the liens that L.C.C. purchased during the auction held in 2004.
- benefit in violation of the County Rule. On information and belief, these included liens on properties in which interested parties are located out of state. Jeshay, Sabre, Nash, John Bridge and B. Rochman prepared and caused to be prepared 22-5 notices of the lien sale and caused Cook County to mail those notices to the last tax assessees in order to ensure that Sabre could enforce the liens. 22-10 and 22-25 notices will also have to be mailed to convert unredeemed liens into deeds. These mailings of the 22-5 notices were integral to the scheme to profit by obtaining additional liens in violation of the County Rule. This conduct violated 18 U.S.C. § 1341. Exhibit L identifies a small sample of these mailings related to the liens that Jeshay purchased during the auction held in 2004.

the auction being held presently in 2005 to obtain liens for the benefit of Sabre in violation of the County Rule. Each of those entity defendants, along with their principals, will have to prepare 22-5 notices of the lien sale and cause Cook County to mail those notices to the last tax assessees and other interested parties in order to ensure that Sabre can enforce the liens. These defendants will have to prepare 22-10 and 22-25 notices and cause those notices to be mailed by Cook County for liens to be able to be converted to deeds. Each such mailing is an anticipated act of mail fraud in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1341 that the related defendants presently intend to engage in.

### Substantive Racketeering – 18 U.S. C. §§ 1962(c) and 1964

- 105. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference the allegations of paragraph 1 through 104 of the Complaint as though fully set forth herein.
- 106. At all relevant times, Sabre, Regal, DRN II, Cronus, CCJ, Georgetown, John Bridge, B. Rochman, Jeffrey Bridge, Christopher Rochman, Jesse Rochman, Corinne Rochman, Robert Jensen. Joseph Varan, Francis Alexander, Jason Baumbach, Gregory Ellis, Douglas Nash, were "persons" within the meaning of RICO, 18 U.S.C. § 1961(3). This Count is brought against each of the defendants identified in this paragraph.
- 107. All Defendants constitute an association-in-fact "enterprise" (the "Rigged Bidding Enterprise") as that term is defined in 18 U.S.C. § 1964(4), that engages in, and the activities of which affect, interstate commerce. The members of the Rigged Bidding Enterprise are and have been associated through time, joined in purpose and organized in a manner amenable to hierarchal and consensual decision-making, with each member fulfilling a specific and necessary role to carry out and facilitate its purpose. Specifically, Jeffrey Bridge, Christopher Rochman,

Jesse Rochman, Corinne Rochman, Robert Jensen, Joseph Varan, Francis Alexander, Jason Baumbach, Gregory Ellis, and Douglas Nash incorporated and became the principals of entities, and pretended to act as legitimate, unrelated bidders at annual tax sales on behalf of those entities. Regal, DRN II, Cronus, CCJ, Georgetown, Optimum, L.C.C., Jeshay, BRB, Mud Cats, Carpus, and GJ were formed to create the appearance of legitimate, unrelated entities, registered to bid at annual tax sales, submitted false registrations to the Cook County Treasurer's Office stating that they had adhered to the Single, Simultaneous Bidder Rule, purchased liens at the annual tax sales and transferred those liens to Sabre. Sabre registered to bid at the 2002, 2003, and 2004 sales, submitted false registrations to the Cook County Treasurer's Office in connection with those sales stating that it had adhered to the Single, Simultaneous Bidder Rule, purchased liens at those tax sales in its own name, acquired liens by transfer from other defendants from the 2002, 2003 and 2004 tax sale and arranged to acquire liens obtained at the 2005 tax sale. John Bridge and B. Rochman directed the affairs of Sabre and of others which included forming entities to bid at the annual tax sale, registering those entities to bid, submitting false registrations to the Cook County Treasurer's Office falsely stating adherence to the Single, Simultaneous Bidder Rule, purchasing liens at auction, having all those liens transferred to Sabre, and insuring that participants were compensated for their participation. The planning and carrying out of the scheme would have been beyond the capacity of each member of the Enterprise acting singly and without the aid of each other.

- 108. Each defendant is or has been employed by and/or associated with the Rigged Bidding Enterprise.
- 109. On information and belief, based on the County Records and the assignments of liens filed with the County by many of the entity defendants, all of the individual defendants

other than John Bridge and B. Rochman and at least some of the entity defendants, other than Sabre, received a financial benefit for their participation in the scheme. Such financial benefits for defendants were the product of the scheme and could not have been realized had Sabre not been able to secure more liens than it was entitled to and the corresponding profits from such liens.

- of mailings in furtherance of the scheme to obtain liens for the benefit of Sabre greatly in excess of the number of liens Sabre would have been allowed under the County Rule. A small sample of those mailings is identified in Exhibits D through L. Further, each of the defendants to this Count has conducted and/or participated in the conduct of the Rigged Bidding Enterprise's affairs through a pattern of racketeering activity in violation of RICO, 18 U.S.C. § 1962(c), by engaging in numerous acts of mail fraud.
- been able to acquire, and the profits flowing therefrom, had these defendants not implemented their scheme and acquired liens in excess of their appropriate share through their violation of the County Rule. If defendants had not engaged in such conduct, Plaintiffs would have been able to obtain additional liens, additional deeds to property, and additional sums based on the statutory penalty of 12% on subsequent taxes that could have been paid. Plaintiffs do not have access to sufficient information to identify the amount of damages they have incurred because that information, the Rigged Bidding Enterprise's profits from penalties and deeds, is in the sole possession of the Defendants.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs respectfully prays for judgment against defendants Sabre, Regal, DRN II, Cronus, CCJ, Georgetown, John Bridge, B. Rochman, Jeffrey Bridge,

Christopher Rochman, Jesse Rochman, Corinne Rochman, Robert Jensen, Joseph Varan, Francis Alexander. Jason Baumbach, Gregory Ellis, and Douglas Nash, and for relief as follows:

- (a) Treble damages;
- (b) Injunctive relief:
- (c) Reasonable attorneys' fees and costs; and
- (d) Such other relief as the Court deems just and proper.

# COUNT II Racketeering Conspiracy 18 U.S.C. §§ 1962(d) and 1964 Against All Defendants

- 112. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference the allegations of paragraph 1 through 111 of the Complaint as though fully set forth herein.
- 113. Defendants Sabre, Regal, DRN II, Cronus, CCJ, Georgetown, Optimum, L.C.C., Jeshay, BRB, Mud Cats, Carpus, GJ, John Bridge, B. Rochman, Jeffrey Bridge, Christopher Rochman, Jesse Rochman, Corinne Rochman, Robert Jensen, Joseph Varan, Francis Alexander, Jason Baumbach, Gregory Ellis, and Douglas Nash have willfully combined, conspired and agreed to violate 18 U.S.C. § 1962(c), that is to conduct and/or participate, directly or indirectly, in the conduct of the Rigged Bidding Enterprise's affairs through a pattern of racketeering activity based upon numerous acts of mail fraud, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1962(d).
- 114. The object of the conspiracy was to defraud the County and other tax buyers and improperly acquire liens through violation of the County Rule. Each defendant embraced the object of the conspiracy and knowingly acted to support and facilitate the accomplishment of its goals.
- 115. Plaintiffs have suffered the loss of property related to the liens they would have been able to acquire, and the profits flowing therefrom, had these defendants not implemented

their scheme and acquired liens in excess of their appropriate share through their violation of the County Rule. If defendants had not engaged in such conduct, Plaintiffs would have been able to obtain additional liens, additional deeds to property, and additional sums based on the statutory penalty of 12% on subsequent taxes that could have been paid. Plaintiffs do not have access to sufficient information to identify the amount of damages they have incurred because that information, the Rigged Bidding Enterprise's profits from penalties and deeds, is in the sole possession of the Defendants.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs respectfully prays for judgment against defendants Sabre, Regal, DRN II. Cronus, CCJ, Georgetown, Optimum, L.C.C., Jeshay, BRB, Mud Cats, Carpus, GJ, John Bridge, B. Rochman, Jeffrey Bridge, Christopher Rochman, Jesse Rochman, Corinne Rochman, Robert Jensen, Joseph Varan, Francis Alexander, Jason Baumbach, Gregory Ellis, and Douglas Nash, and for relief as follows:

- (a) Treble damages;
- (b) Injunctive relief;
- (c) Reasonable attorneys' fees and costs; and
- (d) Such other relief as the Court deems just and proper.

## COUNT III Substantive Racketeering – 18 U.S. C. §§ 1962(c) and 1964 (Against Defendants John Bridge and B. Rochman)

- 116. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference the allegations of paragraph 1 through 104 of the Complaint as though fully set forth herein.
- 117. At all relevant times, John Bridge and B. Rochman were "persons" within the meaning of RICO, 18 U.S.C. § 1961(3).
  - 118. Sabre is an "enterprise" within the meaning of RICO, 18 U.S.C. § 1961(4).

- of mailings in furtherance of the scheme to obtain liens for the benefit of Sabre greatly in excess of the number of liens Sabre would have been allowed under the County Rule by utilizing entities they had created to purchase liens for Sabre. A small sample of those mailings is identified in Exhibits D through L. John Bridge and B. Rochman each has conducted and/or participated in the conduct of the Rigged Bidding Enterprise's affairs through a pattern of racketeering activity in violation of RICO, 18 U.S.C. § 1962(c), by engaging in numerous acts of mail fraud.
- been able to acquire, and the profits flowing therefrom, had these defendants not implemented their scheme and acquired liens in excess of their appropriate share through their violation of the County Rule. If defendants had not engaged in such conduct, Plaintiffs would have been able to obtain additional liens, additional deeds to property, and additional sums based on the statutory penalty of 12% on subsequent taxes that could have been paid. Plaintiffs do not have access to sufficient information to identify the amount of damages they have incurred because that information, the Rigged Bidding Enterprise's profits from penalties and deeds, is in the sole possession of the Defendants.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs respectfully prays for judgment against John Bridge and B. Rochman, and for relief as follows:

- (a) Treble damages;
- (b) Injunctive relief:
- (c) Reasonable attorneys' fees and costs; and
- (d) Such other relief as the Court deems just and proper.

# COUNT IV Racketeering Conspiracy 18 U.S.C. §§ 1962(d) and 1964 (Against All Defendants Other Than Sabre)

- 121. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference the allegations of paragraph 1 through 104 of the Complaint as though fully set forth herein.
- 122. At all relevant times, each Defendant was a "person" within the meaning of RICO, 18 U.S.C. § 1961(3).
  - 123. Sabre is an "enterprise" within the meaning of RICO, 18 U.S.C. § 1961(4).
- 124. Defendants Regal, DRN II, Cronus, CCJ, Georgetown, John Bridge, B. Rochman, Jeffrey Bridge, Christopher Rochman, Jesse Rochman, Corinne Rochman, Robert Jensen, Joseph Varan, Francis Alexander, Jason Baumbach, Gregory Ellis, Douglas Nash, Sabre, Regal, DRN II, Cronus, CCJ. Georgetown, Optimum, L.C.C., Jeshay, BRB, Mud Cats, Carpus, and GJ have willfully combined, conspired and agreed to violate 18 U.S.C. § 1962(c), that is to conduct and/or participate, directly or indirectly, in the conduct of Sabre's affairs through a pattern of racketeering activity based upon numerous acts of mail fraud, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1962(d).
- 125. The object of the conspiracy was to defraud the County and other tax buyers and improperly acquire liens through violation of the County Rule. Each defendant embraced the object of the conspiracy and knowingly acted to support and facilitate the accomplishment of its goals.
- 126. Plaintiffs have suffered the loss of property related to the liens they would have been able to acquire, and the profits flowing therefrom, had these defendants not implemented their scheme and acquired liens in excess of their appropriate share through their violation of the County Rule. If defendants had not engaged in such conduct, Plaintiffs would have been able to

obtain additional liens, additional deeds to property, and additional sums based on the statutory penalty of 12% on subsequent taxes that could have been paid. Plaintiffs do not have access to sufficient information to identify the amount of damages they have incurred because that information, the Rigged Bidding Enterprise's profits from penalties and deeds, is in the sole possession of the Defendants.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs respectfully prays for judgment against defendants Regal, DRN II, Cronus, CCJ, Georgetown, Optimum, L.C.C., Jeshay, BRB, Mud Cats, Carpus, GJ, John Bridge, B. Rochman, Jeffrey Bridge, Christopher Rochman, Jesse Rochman, Corinne Rochman, Robert Jensen, Joseph Varan, Francis Alexander, Jason Baumbach, Gregory Ellis, and Douglas Nash, and for relief as follows:

- (a) Treble damages;
- (b) Injunctive relief;
- (c) Reasonable attorneys' fees and costs; and
- (d) Such other relief as the Court deems just and proper.

## TORTIOUS INTERFERENCE WITH PROSPECTIVE BUSINESS ADVANTAGE (Against All Defendants)

- 127. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference the allegations of paragraph 1 through 104 of the Complaint as though fully set forth herein.
- 128. As indicated in detail above, Sabre, Regal, DRN II, CCJ, Cronus, Georgetown, Optimum, L.C.C., Jeshay, BRB, Mud Cats, Carpus and GJ each participated in one or more of the auctions held in 2002, 2003, 2004 and 2005, each bidding on and purchasing liens for Sabre's benefit in violation of the County Rule.

- 129. Phoenix, Oak Park and BCS were registered tax buyers at the 2002, 2003, 2004 and 2005 tax sale auctions.
- 130. Phoenix, Oak Park and BCS had a reasonable expectation of entering into respective, valid business relationships with the Cook County Treasurer's Office at the 2002, 2003, 2004 and 2005 tax sale auctions.
- 131. John Bridge, B. Rochman, Sabre, Christopher Rochman, J. Rochman, Corinne Rochman, CCJ, Francis Alexander, DRN II, Georgetown, Optimum, Jeffrey Bridge, Regal, Ellis, L.C.C., Jeshay, Jensen, Varan, Nash, Baumbach, Cronus, BRB, Mud Cats, Carpus and GJ knew of the Plaintiffs' expectancies for the tax sales in which each of the respective defendants participated.
- Rochman, Corinne Rochman, CCJ, Francis Alexander, DRN II, Georgetown, Optimum, Jeffrey Bridge, Regal, Ellis, L.C.C., Jeshay, Jensen, Varan, Nash, Baumbach, Cronus, BRB, Mud Cats, Carpus and GJ purposefully interfered in the respective tax sales in which each participated by filing false registrations and conspiring to violate the Single Simultaneous Bidder Rule, thereby usurping Plaintiffs' opportunity to obtain a much larger number of liens and preventing the Plaintiffs' legitimate expectancies from ripening into valid business relationships with the Cook County Treasurer's Office.
- 133. Absent the respective frauds and collusive bidding schemes of the defendants, Phoenix. Oak Park and BCS would have had an opportunity to obtain a much larger number of liens and would have enjoyed the financial benefits flowing from those purchases opportunity to bid successfully on a larger number of liens and would have enjoyed the financial benefits flowing from those purchases.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs Phoenix, Oak Park and BCS respectfully request that this Court grant judgment in its favor and against defendants John Bridge, B. Rochman, Sabre, Christopher Rochman, J. Rochman, Corinne Rochman, CCJ, DRN II, Francis Alexander, Georgetown, Optimum, Jeffrey Bridge, Regal, Ellis, L.C.C., Jeshay, Jensen, Varan, Nash, Baumbach, Cronus, BRB, Mud Cats, Carpus and GJ:

- (a) Award of damages to compensate the Plaintiffs for their loss of profits from the defendants improper purchase of liens and other incidental and consequential damages including, but not limited to, the financial benefits flowing from successful bids; and
  - (b) Granting such other relief as the Court deems fair and just.

Dated: July 14, 2005

PHOENIX BOND & INDEMNITY, CO., OAK PARK INVESTMENTS, INC. and BCS SERVICES, INC.

One of Their Attorneys

Lowell E. Sachnoff Arnold A. Pagnuicci John W. Moynihan Lisa A. Kistler Sachnoff & Weaver, Ltd. 10 South Wacker Drive Suite 4000 Chicago, IL 60606 (312) 207-1000

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# **Exhibit A**





# Office of the County Treasurer COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY BUILDING 118 N. CLARK STREET, ROOM 212 Chicago, Illinois 60602

MARIA PAPPAS COUNTY TREASURER

Directions: This receipt MUST be signed by the tax buyer. Attach this receipt to the top of your complete packet. A tax buyer is not eligible to bid and the Cook County Collector will neither acknowledge nor accept any bid from a tax buyer who does not sign this receipt.

- 1. I have received a copy of the Tax Sale Rules and Regulations.
- 2. I have read and understand the Tax Sale Rules and Regulations.
- 3. I agree to comply with these Rules and Regulations.

Dated: 4 23/04

4.	I have received the 2002 Annual Tax Sale Registration Forms, the
	Acknowledgement of Single, Simultaneous Bidder Rule, and this Receipt.
	(Tax Buyer Signature)

(please print)

TAX BUYER NAME: SABRE GROUP, LLC

ADDRESS: 31 HOME WOOD DRIVE

(ARBONDALE, IL GROUP

(LOCAL)(3/2) 251-1333

FACSIMILE: (6/8) 529-4880 LOCAL - (3/2) 251-0/33

E-MAIL: KENSUSICH & GOL. Com

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Cook County Treasurer and Ex-Officio County Collector
Cook County, Illinois

2002 Annual Tax Sale Registration

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Section II
AUTHORIZED BIDDERS – Only the following individuals are authorized to bid on behalf of and bind the above-named Tax Buyer (Remember to attach photocopy of all bidders' photo identification):
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1. JOHN BRIDGE 31 HOME WOOD DR. (6/8) 457-4334  CARBONDALE, IL GORDI (6/8) 579-4880
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2. JOSHUA BRIDGE 31 HOMEWOOD DR. (618) 457-4880 SSN: CARBONDAIZ, IL 62901 (618) 529-4880
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3. Krenneth Rochman 31 Homenton DR. (618) 457-4334 SSN: CARBONDALE, IL GORDI (618) 579-4880
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Case 1:05-cv-04095 Document 1 Filed 07/15/2005 Page 51 of 109 For each person with a stock or profit sharing interest in the corporation, please provide the following, (use an additional sheet of paper if necessary): Name/SSN <u>Address</u> Telephone, FAX & E-Mail 1. BARRETT ROCHMAN 31 HOMEWOOD DRIVE CARBONDALE 162901 2. CHARLES DECKER 31 HOMEWOOD DRIVE CARPONDALE, 11.62901 SSN: If the tax buyer is a 501(c)(3) Charitable Organization, please provide the following: Name of Chief Executive Officer: Address of headquarters:

Do you have tax exempt status with the Illinois Department of Revenue? Yes / No

### Section V

## REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES

I represent and warrant, except as is fully disclosed below, with copies of the documentation of the matters disclosed, that the bidding entity registering to be permitted to participate in the 2002 Annual Sale is not affiliated with any other entity or person registering to bid at the 2002 Annual Sale, in that:

- (A) It has no capital, purchase money, or other finances in common with any other bidding entity or person registering to bid at the 2002 Annual Sale;
- (B) It shares no common ownership interest or common source of funds with any other bidding entity or person registering to participate at the 2002 Annual Sale;
- (C) It has no agreements to purchase or sell any parcels successfully bid on at the 2002 Annual Sale by any other registering bidding entity or person at the 2002 Annual Sale;
- (D) It has no agreements to purchase or sell any parcels successfully bid on at the 2002 Annual Sale by any entity or person known to be ineligible to bid at the 2002 Annual Sale;

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### OFFICE OF THE COOK COUNTY TREASURER COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS ROOM 212, COUNTY BUILDING CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60602

# Acknowledgement of Single, Simultaneous Bidder Rule

As in prior tax sales, the Cook County Treasurer will enforce the Single, Simultaneous Related Bidding Entity<sup>1</sup> rule.

This rule provides that one tax buying entity (principal) may not have its/his/her/their actual or apparent agents, employees, or related entities, directly or indirectly register under multiple registrations for the intended or perceived purpose of having more than one person bidding at the tax sale at the same time for the intended or perceived purpose of increasing the principal's likelihood of obtaining a successful bid on a parcel.

This rule does not prevent a single bidder from alternating the identity of the buyer for whom they are bidding at any given time, so long as related bidding entities, or entities perceived to be related, are not bidding at the same time.

The determination of whether registered entities are related, so as to prevent the entities from bidding at the same time, is in the sole and exclusive discretion of the Cook County Treasurer or her designated representatives.

By signing below, I certify under penalty of perjury pursuant to § 1-109 of the Illinois Code of Civil Procedure, that I am a duly authorized agent, officer, or representative for 2002 Grave LLC. ; that I have received and understand the above-stated rules; that at no time during the 2002 Annual Tax Sale shall I, or the entity that I represent, or an entity directly or indirectly related to the above tax buyer, have multiple bidders registered as separate bidding entities, simultaneously bidding at the 2002 Annual Sale.

I agree that if the tax buying entity that I represent is challenged by the Cook County Treasurer with respect to having related, or allegedly related, entities simultaneously bidding at the Annual Sale, that all such disputes shall have as exclusive venue and jurisdiction in the Circuit Court of Cook County.

Authorized Agent for the above Tax Buyer

Date

Printed Name

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> "Related Bidding Entity" is defined as any individual, corporation, partnership, joint venture, limited liability company, business organization, or other entity that has a shareholder, partner, principal, officer, general partner or other person or entity having an ownership interest in common with, or contractual relationship with, any other registrant in the 2002 Annual Tax Sale.



### OFFICE OF THE COOK COUNTY TREASURER COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS ROOM 222, COUNTY BUILDING CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60602

June 11, 2004

SABRE Group, LLC 31 Homewood Dr. Carbondale, IL 62901

Re:

Return of Collateral

Buyer Number: 02-00066

### Dear Tax Buyer:

Enclosed is your letter of credit # 10-04 that was posted with our office for the 2002 Annual Tax Sale. Please return this letter of credit to the financial institution along with the enclosed letter for their records.

By signing the bottom of this letter, you acknowledge receipt of the aforementioned letter of credit.

If you have further questions regarding this matter, you may contact the undersigned, (312) 603-5494.

Sincerely.

Gina Quesada

Legal Department

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# OFFICE OF THE COOK COUNTY TREASURER COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS ROOM 222, COUNTY BUILDING CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60602

June 11, 2004

First National Bank of Carmi 201 E. Main St. Carmi, IL 62821

Re:

Your customer:

SABRE Group, LLC

Letter of Credit:

# 10-04

Dear Sir or Madam:

Your client has satisfied all purchasing requirements for the 2002 Annual Tax Sale. This office will not need to draw on your letter of credit, referenced above.

If you have further questions regarding this matter, you may contact the undersigned, (312) 603-5494.

Sincerely,

Gina Quesada Legal Department

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## OFFICE OF THE COOK COUNTY TREASURER COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

### Request to Reduce Collateral or Cancel Registration: 2002 Annual Tax Sale

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following entity registered as a tay hunce at the 2000 authorized agent for the
following entity registered as a tax buyer at the 2002 Cook County Annual Tax Sale:
Buyer Name: SABRE GROUP, LLC
Buyer Number: (de ; hereby request to:
Withdraw the letter of credit deposited as collateral & cancel the buyer's registration;
[] Withdraw the bond posted as collateral & cancel the buyer's registration;
[] Withdraw all certified funds deposited as collateral & cancel the buyer s
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Checks will be made payable in the name of the registered buyer only. Checks will only be mailed to buyers at their registration address.
I cartify that prior to withdrawing or reducing collateral for the above-referenced buyer that said buyer has satisfactorily paid for all tax purchases made by them at the 2002 Annual Sale, and that if subsequent payment is later determined necessary by the Cook County Treasurer for any tax purchase made by the above buyer, that said registered buyer will remain liable for any such unpaid tax purchases.
Printed Name: Kelly Penman Signature: Kelly Panna
Telephone: $(3/2)$ 251-1333 FAX: $(3/2)$ 251-0/33
E-Mail: Kellbell 817 @ hotmail. com
Date: 10/8/04



## UNCONDITIONAL AND IRREVOCABLE LETTER OF CREDIT

BENEFICIARY Maria Pappas Treasurer and Ex-Officio Collector Cook County, IL

118 N. Clark Street, Room 212

Chicago, IL 60602

APPLICANT Sabre Group, LLC P. O. Box 3074 31 Homewood Dr. Carbondale, IL 62902

Date: May 10, 2004

To the Treasurer and Ex-Officio Collector:

We hereby issue the Unconditional and Irrevocable Letter of Credit No. 10-04 in favor of the Beneficiary for the account of Sabre Group, LLC up to the aggregate amount of Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00).

This credit is issued, presentable and payable on sight at The First National Bank of Carmi, Carmi, Illinois. Drawings may be made by facsimile, attention Jack I. Martin, Senior Vice President, 201 E. Main Street, Carmi, Illinois, 62821 at (618) 382-5881. Information may be obtained from Jack I. Martin, Senior Vice President (618)382-4118. If the drawing is made by facsimile, the original drawing document shall be mailed, on the same day, to the attention of Jack 1. Martin, Senior Vice President at The First National Bank of Carmi, 201 E. Main Street, Carmi, Illinois 62821, or delivered within 24 hours to the attention of the same person at the indicated address.

Funds under this Letter of Credit are available to the Beneficiary unconditionally against sight drafts or facsimile purporting to be signed by the Beneficiary (whether actual or acting) for any sum or sums not exceeding a total of Two Million (\$2,000,000.00) drawn on our Office mentioning the Letter of Credit by number and Applicant. The sight draft or facsimile shall state that Applicant has failed to complete a payment of the amount she/he/it has successfully bid for taxes at the 2002 Annual Tax Sale, or shall state that the drawing is being made at the unilateral discretion of the Treasurer and Ex-Officio Collector and shall further state that the reason for the drawing (which reason is also within the sole and exclusive discretion of the Treasurer and Ex-Officio Collector). Funds drawn under this Letter of Credit shall be sent by overnight delivery to the Beneficiary at the address listed above.

## Partial and multiple drawings are permitted.

This Letter of Credit shall expire at 12 Noon Chicago time on August 13, 2004, unless prior to the expiration date a request is made in writing to this Office by the Beneficiary, attention Jack I. Martin, Senior Vice President at The First National Bank of Carmi, 201 E. Main Street, Carmi, IL 62821 requesting an extension, in which case it shall automatically be renewed for one year.

This Letter of Credit sets forth in full the terms of this Office's undertaking, and may be amended only by a written amendment signed by us and by the beneficiary. Our obligations are primary obligations to the beneficiary. We shall honor drafts drawn and presented hereunder and in compliance with the terms of the Letter of Credit.

If there are any disputes or claims with respect to this Letter of Credit, venue and jurisdiction shall lie exclusively with

This Letter of Credit is subject to the Uniform Customs and Practice for Documentary Credits, International Chamber of Commerce Publication No. 500, 1993 revision ("UPC"), and the Uniform Commercial Code, Letter of Credit, 810 ILCS 5/5-101 et seq. as amended, and as in effect in the State of Illinois ("UCC"). To the extent the provisions of the UCP and the UCC shall conflict, the provisions of the UCC shall govern.

The First National Bank of Carmi

Hvin D. Fritschle

President

Albion 26 E. Elm Albion, IL 62806 Tel. 618.445,2371 Fax. 618.445,3958

Carmi 201 E. Main Carmi, 11. 62821 Tel. 618.382.4118 Fax. 418. 382.5881

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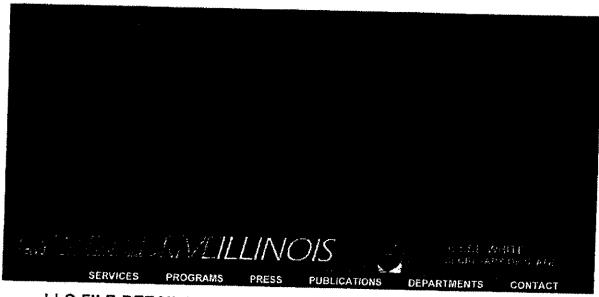
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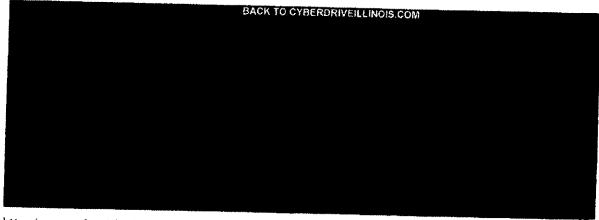
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# **Exhibit B**



### IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - COUNTY DIVISION

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF THE 5 COTD COUNTY COLLECTOR FOR JUDGMENT AND ORDER OF SALE AGAINST LANDS AND LOTS RETURNED DELINQUENT FOR NONPAYMENT OF GENERAL TAXES AND/OR SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR THE YEAR 2001 AND PRIOR YEARS

PETITION OF: Sabre Group, L.L.C.

NO:

CERTIFICATE NO.: 01-

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**VOLUME NO.: 015** 



#### PETITION FOR TAX DEED

NOW COMES Sabre Group, L.L.C., Petitioner herein and, in Petition to the Honorable Court for Tax Deed, states as follows:

1. The following described real estate was sold on March 10, 2003, at the annual tax sale held on said date by the Cook County Treasurer of Cook County, Illinois; which sale of said property was held in accordance with the judgment of this court duly entered after due notice had been made in accordance with the Illinois Property Tax Code, as amended:

> Lot 6 in Block 65 in Chicago Heights, a Subdivision in the Southwest 1/4 of Section 21, Township 35 North, Range 14 East of the Third Principal Meridian, in Cook County, Illinois.

Permanent Index Number: 32-21-311-020-0000

- 2. That a Certificate of Purchase, No. 01-0000468 was duly issued or assigned to Sabre Group, L.L.C., your Petitioner, which is still the owner of said Certificate.
- 3. That a true and exact copy of the aforementioned Certificate of Purchase is attached hereto and made a part hereof as Exhibit "A".
- 4. That said real estate has not been redeemed from said tax sale and that the time for redeinption will expire on November 2, 2005.
- 5. That all taxes and special assessments which became due and payable on said parcel(s) of real estate subsequent to the date of said sale and prior to and including the

Certificate No.: 01-0000468

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date of the filing of this petition will be redeemed. Prior to the entry of an order directing the County Clerk to issue a tax deed, all other taxes and special assessments falling due on said parcel(s) of real estate between the date of filing this Petition and the date of said order, if any, will be paid and all forfeitures and sale occurring in said interval, if any, will be redeemed.

- 6. That all notices required by law to be given will be given prior to the entry of an order directing the issuance of a tax deed to said parcel(s) of real estate to petitioner unless redemption is made within the time and in the manner provided by law.
- 7. That your Petitioner has complied with and will hereafter fully comply with all provisions of Statutes and of the Constitution of the State of Illinois relative hereto and will be entitled to the issuance of a Tax Deed if the real estate herein is not redeemed from the sale within the time allowed by law.

#### WHEREFORE, your Petitioner prays:

- A. That this Honorable Court doth find:
  - 1. that due notice of said tax sale and of the time for redemption therefrom has been given to all parties entitled thereto as required by law;
  - 2 that due notice of the filing of this Petition has been given to all parties entitled thereto as required by law;
  - 3. that all general taxes and special assessments which became due and payable on the real estate herein subsequent to the date of sale herein have been paid or redeemed as required by law;
  - 4. that your Petitioner has fully complied with all applicable provisions of the Illinois Property Tax Code, as amended, and of all other applicable statutes of the State of Illinois and the Constitution of the State of Illinois, entitling Petitioner to a Tax Deed; and
  - 5. that no redemption has been made from the tax sale berein prior to the expiration of time of redemption.
- B That this Honorable Court enter an Order directing the County Clerk of Cook County to issue a Tax Deed to your Petitioner.
- C That this Honorable Court enter an Order as may be necessary to

place and maintain Petitioner, as grantee, in possession of said real estate.

D. That this Honorable Court grant such other and further and different relief in the premises as the nature of this case may require.

Sabre Group, L.L.C., Petitioner

None of its Attorney

Heather A. Ottenfeld, # 39731 Attorney for Petitioner 120 West Madison Street, Suite 918 Chicago, Illinois 60602 (312) 251-1333 3300 1.00 07 0 100

STATE OF ILLINOIS )
COUNTY OF COOK )

CERTIFICATE NUMBER . 01-0000468

-- CERTIFICATE OF PURCHASE ---

FOR GENERAL TAXES AND SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS, A.D. 2001, ETC.

T. DAVID D. DRR, County Clerk in and for the County and State aforement DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT COU INVESTMENTILC Did, on the day hereinefter set forth, purchase at Public Auction, at the Court House in CHICAGO, the property designated by PERMANENT REAL ESTATE MUMBER 3 2 - 2 1 - 3 1 1 - 0 2 0 - 0 0 0 0, situated in seld County for the taxes, interest and costs due and unpend thereon for the tax year 2001 and prior and paid stated herein

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If the aforesaid property is not redeamed in the manner and within the time provided by law, the above-named purchaser, his heirs or assigns, will, upon application and compliance with the provisions of law pertaining thereto, be entitled to receive a dead of conveyance for said real estate herein described by said permanent index number; provided that unless the holder of this certificate shall take out said deed, as entitled by law, and file same for record within one year from and after expiration of the time of redemption, the said certificate or deed, and the sale upon which it is based, shall from and after the expiration of one year, be absolutely rull.

WITNESS by hand and the official seal at CHICAGO in said County this 27 day of MARCH , A.D., 2003 .

Countersigned:

WALLEY WALL TO SEE THE SECOND

ty Treasurer and Ex-Officia Collector of Cook County

Navid D. On

County Clark of Cook County

STATE OF ILLINOIS ) COUNTY OF COOK

In consideration of the sum of TEN transfer and set over to SAERE GROUP, LLC and assigns, the within CERTIFICATE OF PURCHASE, and all my right, title to the real estate therein described, to have and to hold the same to himself, his heirs, exacutors, administrators and assigns, to his and their sole use, banefit and behoof forever.

hand and seal this  $15^{th}$ 

By: CCJ Trivestments, LLC

Kelly Penman, Agent





# **Exhibit C**





# Office of the County Treasurer COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY BUILDING 118 N. CLARK STREET, ROOM 212 Chicago, Illinois 60602

MARIA PAPPAS COUNTY TREASURER

Directions: This receipt MUST be signed by the tax buyer. Attach this receipt to the top of your complete packet. A tax buyer is not eligible to bid and the Cook County Collector will neither acknowledge nor accept any bid from a tax buyer who does not sign this receipt.

- 1. I have received a copy of the Tax Sale Rules and Regulations.
- 2. I have read and understand the Tax Sale Rules and Regulations.
- 3. I agree to comply with these Rules and Regulations.

4.	I have received the 2002 Annual Tax Sale Registration Forms, the
	Acknowledgement of Single, Simultaneous Bidder Rule, and this Receipt.
	* Trances L. alexander
	Manies &. allanger
	(Tax Buyer Signature)

X Dated: 4/19/04

(please print)	
TAX BUYER NAME	: GEORGETOWN INVESTORS LLC
ADDRESS:	P.O. BOX 565/40 TERRY DRIVE
	SUGAR GROVE, IL 60554
TELEPHONE:	630-466-1211
FACSIMILE:	630-466-1299
E-MAIL:	falex 1211@ aol.com
REGISTRATION #	67-071

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Cook County Treasurer and Ex-Officio County Collector
Cook County, Illinois

02-012 Registration Number

## 2002 Annual Tax Sale Registration

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city: SUBAR GR	LOVE State: IL	zp: 60554				
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## Section III

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State:	Zip:	Telephone:	City.
FAX:		E-Mail	
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Name/SSN	<u>Address</u>	Telephone, FAX & E-Mail
1. FRANCES ALEXA	WARR HO TERRY DR.	(1030) 41de-1211 (20554 (1030) 41de-1299
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If the tax buyer is a 501	(c)(3) Charitable Organization,	please provide the following:
Name of Chief Executive	re Officer:	-
Do you have tax exemp	t status with the Illinois Departme	ent of Revenue? Yes / No

#### Section V

### REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES

I represent and warrant, except as is fully disclosed below, with copies of the documentation of the matters disclosed, that the bidding entity registering to be permitted to participate in the 2002 Annual Sale is not affiliated with any other entity or person registering to bid at the 2002 Annual Sale, in that:

- (A) It has no capital, purchase money, or other finances in common with any other bidding entity or person registering to bid at the 2002 Annual Sale;
- (B) It shares no common ownership interest or common source of funds with any other bidding entity or person registering to participate at the 2002 Annual Sale;
- (C) It has no agreements to purchase or sell any parcels successfully bid on at the 2002 Annual Sale by any other registering bidding entity or person at the 2002 Annual Sale;
- (D) It has no agreements to purchase or sell any parcels successfully bid on at the 2002 Annual Sale by any entity or person known to be ineligible to bid at the 2002 Annual Sale:

Case 1:0500694095tanDocymentalncially duly 115/2005 agreement vita another bidding entity registering for the 2002 Annual Sale concerning parcels to be bid upon or purchased by such other entity at the 2002 Annual Sale. Explanations, if needed: Attach additional pages if necessary. Attach exhibits, if any, to application. Each of the undersigned states under oath or affirmation pursuant to §1-109 of the Illinois Code of Civil Procedure that all of the information set forth in this registration is true, correct, and complete. Signature(s) of ALL Registered Bidder(s):



OFFICE OF THE COOK COUNTY TREASURER
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
ROOM 212, COUNTY BUILDING
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60602

### Acknowledgement of Single, Simultaneous Bidder Rule

As in prior tax sales, the Cook County Treasurer will enforce the Single, Simultaneous Related Bidding Entity<sup>1</sup> rule.

This rule provides that one tax buying entity (principal) may not have its/his/her/their actual or apparent agents, employees, or related entities, directly or indirectly register under multiple registrations for the intended or perceived purpose of having more than one person bidding at the tax sale at the same time for the intended or perceived purpose of increasing the principal's likelihood of obtaining a successful bid on a parcel.

This rule does not prevent a single bidder from alternating the identity of the buyer for whom they are bidding at any given time, so long as related bidding entities, or entitles perceived to be related, are not bidding at the same time.

The determination of whether registered entities are related, so as to prevent the entities from bidding at the same time, is in the sole and exclusive discretion of the Cook County Treasurer or her designated representatives.

By signing below, I certify under penalty of perjury pursuant to § 1-109 of the Illinois Code of Civil Procedure, that I am a duly authorized egent, officer, or representative for SCOND CHOOL CHOOL : that I no time during the 2002 Annual Tax Sale shall I, or the entity that I represent, or an entity directly or indirectly related to the above tax buyer, have multiple bidders registered as separate bidding entities, simultaneously bidding at the 2002 Annual Sale.

I agree that if the tax buying entity that I represent is challenged by the Cook County Treasurer with respect to having related, or allegedly related, entities simultaneously bidding at the Annual Sale, that all such disputes shall have as exclusive yenue and jurisdiction in the Circuit Court of Cook County.

Authorized Agent for the above Tax Buyer

Date /

Printed Name

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> "Related Bidding Entity" is defined as any individual, corporation, partnership, joint venture, limited liability company, business organization, or other entity that has a shareholder, partner, principal, officer, general partner or other person or entity having an ownership interest in common with, or contractual relationship with, any other registrant in the 2002 Annual Tax Sale.



### Maria Pappas

Cook County Treasurer

June 21, 2004

Georgetown Investors LLC 40 Terry Drive Sugar Grove, IL 60554

Re:

Return of Collateral

Buyer Number: 02-00072

Dear Tax Buyer:

Enclosed is your check that was posted for collateral with our office for the 2002 Annual Tax Sale.

If you have further questions regarding this matter, you may contact the undersigned, (312) 603-5494.

Sincerely,

Gina Quesada

Legal Department



#### OFFICE OF THE COOK COUNTY TREASURER COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

#### Request to Reduce Collateral or Cancel Registration: 2002 Annual Tax Sale

I, FRANCES ALS KANDER, a duly authorized agent for the following entity registered as a tax buyer at the 2002 Cook County Annual Tax Sale:
Buyer Name: GEOEGETOWN INVESTORS, LLC
Buyer Number: 72; hereby request to:
[] Withdraw the letter of credit deposited as collateral & cancel the buyer's registration;
[] Withdraw the bond posted as collateral & cancel the buyer's registration;
[ X ] Withdraw all certified funds deposited as collateral & cancel the buyer's registration;
Reduce the certified funds deposited by \$, and continue to maintain the buyer=s registration.
Checks will be made payable in the name of the registered buyer only. Checks will only be mailed to buyers at their registration address.
I certify that prior to withdrawing or reducing collateral for the above-referenced buyer that said buyer has satisfactorily paid for all tax purchases made by them at the 2002 Annual Sale, and that if subsequent payment is later determined necessary by the Cook County Tressurer for any tax purchase made by the above buyer, that said registered buyer will remain liable for any such unpaid tax purchases.
Printed Name: Frances L. Alexandersignature: Frances L. alexander
Telephone: (430) 466-1211 FAX: (430) 466-1299
E-Mail: falex 1211 2001. com
Date: 6/8/04



### Maria Pappas

### **Cook County Treasurer**

### **Check Request Form**

Please complete the following information for a check request and submit to ACCOUNTS PAYABLE. Attach any reports that need to be sent to the payee with the check. Please note; if all sections are not completed the check will not be processed and the form will be returned.

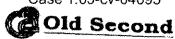
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Old Second National Bank

Cashiers Check

Date: 4/21/04

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ORDER OF COOK COUNTY TREASURER

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#### Robert Sleker

From:

Ivana Dabizljevic

Sent:

Tuesday, July 13, 2004 10:37 AM

To:

Martha A. Mills

Cc:

Robert Sieker; Brigid Madro

Subject:

Tax sale Collateral Check Returned in Mail

We have received a Tax Sale Collateral Check payable to Georgetown Investors LLC (buyer no. 02-00072) for \$200,000.00 back in mail as undeliverable.

The mailing address provided by Legal Dept. on the check request was:

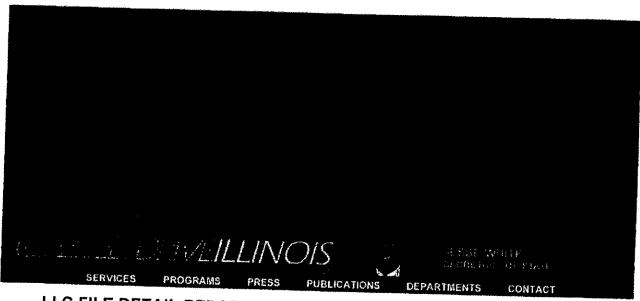
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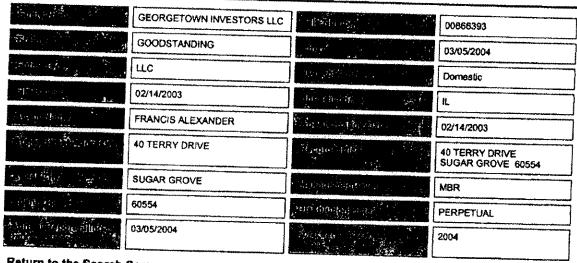
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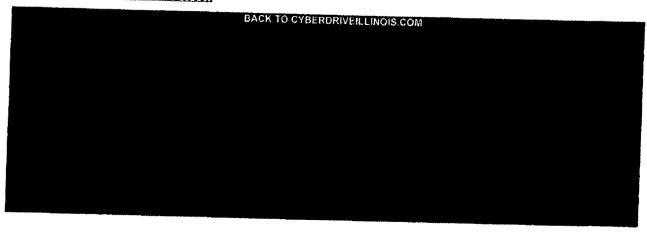
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#### LLC FILE DETAIL REPORT



#### Return to the Search Screen



## **Exhibit D**

EX. D
Mailings Related To Liens That Sabre Purchased

County Pin #	Volume #	Date (On or About)	Document Mailed
29-18-401-013-0000	211	08/14/2002	22-5
29-18-417-013-0000	211	08/14/2002	22-5
13-01-423-018-0000	317	08/20/2002	22-5
13-01-427-010-0000	317	08/20/2002	22-5
13-01-427-012-0000	317	08/20/2002	22-5
13-02-428-039-0000	318	08/20/2002	22-5
13-06-103-039-0000	323	08/20/2002	22-5
13-07-104-069-0000	324	08/20/2002	22-5
00-00-202-010-9034	429	08/20/2002	22-5
02-02-011-101-0000	429	08/20/2002	22-5
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25-34-112-021-0000	293	07/18/2003	22-5
26-06-207-024-0000	296	07/18/2003	22-5
26-06-312-004-0000	296	07/18/2003	22-5
26-06-405-022-0000	297	07/18/2003	22-5
28-34-409-012-0000	035	09/22/2004	22-5
06-13-411-006-0000	060	09/22/2004	22-5
18-35-412-025-0000	085	09/09/2004	22-5
10-27-218-032-0000	124	09/22/2004	22-5
02-34-200-038-0000	150	09/22/2004	22-5
31-12-100-075-1016	178	09/22/2004	22-5
29-08-318-020-0000	200	09/22/2004	22-5
30-17-406-010-0000	224	09/22/2004	22-5
20-25-121-007-0000	262	09/27/2004	22-5
13-14-405-039-1016	337	03/27/2004	22-5
32-21-305-021-0000	015	07/19/2004	22-25
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EX. E Mailings Related to Liens That Regal Purchased

County Pin #	Volume #	Date (On or About)	Document Mailed
32-33-322-033-0000	021	07/19/2004	22-25
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		07/21/2004	
32-33-418-026-0000	021	07/19/2004	22-25
		07/19/2004	22-10
		07/20/2004	
		07/21/2004	
33-18-200-010-0000	022	07/19/2004	22-25
		07/20/2004 07/21/2004 08/31/2004	22-10
33-31-112-026-0000	022	07/19/2004	22-25
		07/19/2004 08/29/2004 08/30/2004 09/10/2004	22-10
28-17-213-005-0000	031	07/19/2004	22-25
28-34-402-022-1092	035	05/24/2005	22-25





## Exhibit F



EX. F
Mailings Related to Liens That DRN II Purchased

County Pin #	Volume #	Date (On or About)	Document Mailed
20-10-303-013-0000	253	08/14/2002	22-5
20-11-304-015-1013	254	08/14/2002	22-5
20-15-314-016-0000	257	08/14/2002	22-5
20-22-105-007-0000	258	08/14/2002	22-5
20-22-302-031-0000	259	08/14/2002	22-5
20-22-316-009-0000	259	08/14/2002	22-5
20-22-401-031-0000	259	08/14/2002	22-5
20-22-424-017-0000	259	08/14/2002	22-5
20-23-115-003-0000	260	08/14/2002	22-5
20-23-407-016-0000	261	08/14/2002	22-5
20-23-412-044-0000	261	08/14/2002	22-5
31-26-206-009-0000	180	07/16/2003	22-5
31-34-106-003-0000	180	07/16/2003	22-5
31-35-105-023-0000	180	07/16/2003	22-5
31-35-201-036-0000	180	07/16/2003	22-5
31-35-209-012-0000	180	07/16/2003	22-5
31-35-320-010-0000	180	07/16/2003	22-5
25-22-113-061-0000	290	07/18/2003	22-5
25-22-212-043-0000	290	07/18/2003	22-5
25-22-320-012-0000	291	07/18/2003	22-5
25-27-106-001-0000	293	07/18/2003	22-5
25-27-118-051-0000	293	07/18/2003	22-5
25-28-418-008-0000	293	07/18/2003	22-5
32-30-107-059-0000	019	07/19/2004	22-25
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25-10-102-029-0000	284	11/04/2004 10/1/2004	22-25
25-10-317-029-0000	285		
		10/02/2004	22-10
		10/04/2004	

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EX. G Mailings Related to Liens That Cronus Purchased

County Pin #	Volume #	Date (On or About)	Document Mailed
31-26-100-014-0000	180	07/16/2003	22-5
31-33-102-043-0000	180	07/16/2003	22-5
31-34-403-028-0000	180	07/16/2003	22-5
31-36-109-025-0000	180	07/16/2003	22-5
31-36-200-025-1085	180	07/16/2003	22-5
31-36-200-028-1086	180	07/16/2003	22-5
25-22-201-024-0000	290	07/18/2003	22-5
25-22-317-012-0000	291	07/18/2003	22-5
25-27-104-006-0000	293	07/18/2003	22-5
25-34-111-003-0000	293	07/18/2003	22-5
26-05-313-034-0000	295	07/18/2003	22-5
26-06-104-044-0000	295	07/18/2003	22-5



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EX. H Mailings Related To Liens That CCJ Purchased

County Pin #	Volume #	I Data (On an Abana)	
31-26-414-009-0000		Date (On or About)	Document Mailed
	180	07/16/2003	22-5
31-34-307-006-0000	180	07/16/2003	22-5
31-35-106-024-0000	180	07/16/2003	22-5
01-50-120-601-9000	181	07/16/2003	22-5
07-07-202-057-0000	187	07/16/2003	22-5
07-08-300-020-0000	187	07/16/2003	22-5
25-22-108-015-0000	290	07/18/2003	22-5
25-22-308-027-0000	291	07/18/2003	22-5
25-27-105-019-0000	293	07/18/2003	22-5
25-27-116-014-0000	293	07/18/2003	22-5
25-34-118-020-0000	293	07/18/2003	22-5
26-06-204-028-0000	296	07/18/2003	22-5
26-06-305-061-0000	296	07/18/2003	22-5
26-06-311-047-0000	296	07/18/2003	22-5
28-03-211-061-0000	025	09/21/2004	22-5
12-29-304-012-0000	070	09/21/2004	22-5
10-26-108-023-0000	123	09/21/2004	22-5
31-05-102-011-1009	178	09/21/2004	22-5
03-24-200-133-0000	233	09/24/2004	22-5
21-30-202-015-1015	274	09/24/2004	22-5
13-14-202-001-0000	336	09/24/2004	22-5
19-12-315-016-0000	387	09/24/2004	22-5
20-17-301-007-0000	424	09/24/2004	22-5
16-24-204-011-0000	572	09/28/2004	22-5
30-17-200-003-0000	224	04/27/2005	22-25
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		05/02/2005	

## Exhibit I

EX. I Mailings Related to Liens That Georgetown Purchased

County Pin #	Volume #	Date (On or About)	Document Mailed
16-20-302-016-0000	004	09/22/2004	22-5
18-30-306-032-0000	084	09/22/2004	22-5
15-09-210-020-0000	159	09/22/2004	22-5
29-04-314-002-0000	195	09/22/2004	22-5
30-17-212-022-0000	224	09/22/2004	22-5
21-31-212-012-0000	276	09/27/2004	22-5
13-27-326-017-0000	357	09/27/2004	22-5
20-07-204-012-0000	416	09/27/2004	22-5
16-08-215-016-0000	548	09/28/2004	22-5
17-07-323-027-0000	588	09/28/2004	22-5

### **Exhibit J**



EX. J Mailings Related to Liens That Optimum Purchased

County Pin #	Volume #	Date (On or About)	Document Mailed
31-15-207-011-0000	179	09/22/2004	22-5
30-20-413-053-0000	226	09/22/2004	22-5
13-13-402-033-0000	335	09/27/2004	22-5
19-21-102-034-0000	398	09/27/2004	22-5
20-08-303-037-0000	419	09/27/2004	22-5
14-08-207-017-0000	477	09/28/2004	22-5
13-36-420-015-0000	531	09/28/2004	22-5
17-08-227-007-1012	589	09/28/2004	22-5





## Exhibit K

EX. K Mailings Related to Liens That L.C.C. Purchased

County Pin #	Volume #	Date (On or About)	Document Mailed
32-29-205-014-0000	019	09/22/2004	22-5
33-31-103-030-0000	022	09/22/2004	22-5
28-01-320-005-0000	023	09/22/2004	22-5
28-26-309-014-0000	033	09/22/2004	22-5
28-27-411-002-0000	034	09/22/2004	22-5
16-20-404-037-0000	041	09/27/2004	22-5
16-28-219-019-0000	044	09/27/2004	22-5
06-27-209-015-0000	061	09/27/2004	22-5
18-31-307-034-0000	084	09/28/2004	22-5
12-02-409-006-0000	135	09/28/2004	22-5

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EX. L Mailings Related to Liens That Jeshay Purchased

County Pin #	Volume #	Date (On or About)	Document Mailed
32-29-205-006-0000	019	09/22/2004	22-5
09-14-111-053-0000	088	09/22/2004	22-5
27-25-313-008-0000	147	09/22/2004	22-5
19-30-405-028-0000	190	09/22/2004	22-5
30-20-409-039-0000	226	09/22/2004	22-5
20-35-222-005-0000	270	09/27/2004	22-5
13-01-121-014-0000	316	09/27/2004	22-5
19-24-404-005-0000	403	09/27/2004	22-5
25-08-102-044-0000	454	09/28/2004	22-5
16-02-318-030-0000	539	09/28/2004	22-5